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Left: Soldiers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment take part in Sunday's foot patrol mission in the dangerous Haifa Street area of Baghdad, nicknamed "Purple Heart Boulevard." Above: Cpl. Alan Gonzales, a medic for Company C's 3rd Platoon, scans for danger in a Bradley fighting vehicle Sunday near Talili Square in Baghdad.

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World

Case against Thatcher's son: Sir Mark Thatcher has managed to postpone being questioned under oath about his alleged involvement in a failed coup in Equatorial Guinea, his lawyers said Tuesday.

The son of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had been subpoenaed to appear in the Wynberg magistrates court Wednesday after the government granted an Equatorial Guinea request to question him about allegations he financed part of the coup attempt.

Lindh murders: The convicted killer of Foreign Minister Anna Lindh has renounced his Swedish citizenship and now has only Serbia-Montenegro citizenship, the Migration Board said Tuesday.

Mijailo Mijailovic, 25, fatally stabbed Lindh on Sept. 10, 2003, as she shopped unguarded in a downtown department store.

He is in a hospital psychiatric ward where he likely will remain until the Supreme Court hears an appeal on whether he should receive psychiatric care or spend his life sentence in prison.

Asia avian flu: A senior Muslim cleric ruled Tuesday that culling chickens, ducks and other birds with poison gas to contain an outbreak of potentially deadly avian influenza does not violate Islamic principles.

Veterinary authorities in the northern state of Malaysia of Kelantan, which had quarantined to stop bird flu from spreading, said they would circulate mufti Hasbullah Mohamed Hassan's opinion in a pamphlet. Last Friday, a preacher at a mosque denounced the culling of nearly 6,000 birds as cruel and un-Islamic.

States

Madrid train bombings: Four months after the FBI apologized for wrongly arresting a Portland attorney for ties to the March 11 Madrid train bombings, a federal judge on Monday unsealed a document that prosecutors say lends support to the government's decision to keep Brandon Mayfield detained for two weeks.

The document details evidence gathered after Mayfield's arrest, including that his computer had been used to view Web sites for the Spanish national rail system and to search for plane tickets to Spain, that Mayfield had once taken flight lessons, and that a September 2001 note found at Mayfield's house expressed support for the Taliban.



Middle East unrest: Palestinian mourners carry the coffins of Hamas militants Rabah Zakout and Nabil el Saedi during their funeral in the Gaza Strip on Tuesday. Thousands of Palestinians joined the funeral procession for the two Hamas militants killed by an Israeli airstrike Monday. Dozens of armed militants hoisted Palestinian and Hamas flags and chanted angry slogans calling for revenge. Israel's military said an Israeli helicopter fired a missile at the men's car late Monday as they were on their way to fire rockets at Israeli targets. The strike came a day after a similar Israeli attack killed another Hamas militant.

Martha Stewart case: A federal judge Tuesday ordered Martha Stewart to surrender for prison by Oct. 8, granting a request by the celebrity homemaker to begin serving her sentence for lying about a stock sale.

The judge also recommended that U.S. prison officials assign Stewart to a prison camp in Danbury, Conn., or Coleman, Fla. — the two she requested last week.

U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum sentenced Stewart to five months in prison in July, but allowed Stewart to remain out of prison while she appealed her conviction.

Military

Espionage court-martial: Attorneys for an Air Force interpreter facing a court-martial on attempted espionage charges launched a final push Monday to stave off a military trial.

Defense lawyers for Senior Airman Ahmad Al Halabi, 25, argued that the Air Force has failed to make a case against him. Al Halabi is accused of trying to pass off classified documents after a stint at the high-security Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, military base housing prisoners from the war on terrorism.

War on terrorism

Japan's Iraq mission: Japan may extend its troops in southern Iraq if the security situation there does not change, a top government official said Tuesday.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda said, however, that the government has made no final decision yet.

"If the situation remains the way it is now, I think it's necessary for Japan to continue to get actively involved," said Hosoda. When asked if an extension was possible, Hosoda said, "Yes."

Business

Enron trial: A jury of nine women and seven men was picked Tuesday to decide the outcome of the first criminal trial involving former Enron Corp. executives and a handful of their Wall Street bankers, nearly three years after the company crashed in scandal.

Two former midlevel Enron officials and four former Merrill Lynch & Co. executives are facing charges related to an alleged sham sale of electricity-producing barges off the coast of Nigeria to the brokerage in late December 1999 to help the energy company appear to have met earnings targets.

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DDP pushes for penalties for soliciting a prostitute

Under plan, conviction would end military career

By Sandra Jontz
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Sex sells. Next year, troops buying it could face dishonorable discharge and jail time under a proposed change to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, officials told Congress on Tuesday.

The Pentagon wants to add to the UCMJ a charge specifically addressing prostitution, and affixing a maximum punishment of one year of confinement and a dishonorable discharge for anyone convicted of paying a prostitute for sex, Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary for defense for personnel and readiness, told the House Armed Services Committee.

And if approved, the change would be applicable even in countries where prostitution is legal, Abell said.

"We will not be relying on host-nation laws," Abell said during Tuesday's issue forum on U.S. military's progress to combat trafficking and prostitution.

Abell anticipates the drafted Article 134 of the UCMJ will become military law early next year. It now is part of the 2004 annual review of proposed amendments to the Manual for Courts-Martial that began this month, and is undergoing the mandatory 60-day public notice and comment period after being published in the Federal Register, Abell said.

Making the change to the UCMJ makes the Pentagon's policy of zero tolerance more real to the servicemember, Abell said. "It makes it more visible to that servicemember who might be tempted."

Addressing prostitution will go a long way to tackling the problem of human trafficking, in which people are kidnapped and sold into virtual sex or labor slavery, Pentagon officials told Congress.



SANDRA JONTZ/Stars and Stripes

Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, commander of U.S. Forces Korea, testifies Tuesday at an issue forum for the House Armed Services Committee on enforcing U.S. policies against prostitution and human trafficking, updating members of Congress on progress of the military's zero-tolerance policy.

Worldwide, there are an estimated 800,000 men, women and children who are victims of human trafficking, with some 17,500 of them in the United States, said Ambassador John Miller, director of the State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.

The Pentagon also is working to make UCMJ changes to address human trafficking, both for sex and forced labor. Changes could include disciplinary action against someone who fails to report suspected trafficking and jail time and a dishonorable discharge for partaking in such acts, he said.

And the officials said that they are working on getting the wording right so that the Pentagon

could take contracts from companies whose employees are caught engaging in such acts, he said.

While prostitution and human trafficking are still problems, progress has been made, particularly in South Korea, said Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, commander of U.S. Forces Korea.

"As part of our aggressive, ongoing efforts to curb prostitution and human trafficking in this area, our increased law-enforcement efforts have also resulted in the prosecution of more than 400 servicemen for related offenses, such as curfew violation and trespassing in posed off-limits locations," LaPorte said.

USFK has list of more than 600 bars, restaurants and clubs forbidden to U.S. military personnel,

LaPorte said. In recent months, U.S. military police and security forces increased undercover operations to identify suspected sites of prostitution and human trafficking, and all incoming troops received training and information about the problem, how to combat it and what happens if they don't, LaPorte told lawmakers.

Fighting prostitution has become easier in recent years than that about 60 percent all military is married, LaPorte said. But USFK still has boosted television and newspaper media spots and ads warning single 18- to 23-year-old men in the military about the problems prostitution can bring, LaPorte said.

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Thunderbirds show

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Yokota's Information Travel Ticketing Office is offering a free tour to Hamamatsu Air Base on Oct. 2 for performances by the Air Force Thunderbirds and Japan's Blue Impulse air-aerobatic team, 374th Services Division officials announced.

The show will be held a day before the public open-house event.

Free tickets are available at the Yokota ITT Tours customer service desk in the Yugo Recreation Center. They'll be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

The tour departs at 5:30 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m. Drive time is three to four hours; the air show is set for noon to 3 p.m.

For more information, call DSN 225-7713.

Bazaar volunteers needed

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Yokota Officers' Spouses Club needs volunteers for its Asian Bazaar to be held Oct. 16-17.

The event is a primary fund-raiser for the organization and its welfare donations. It takes place in Hangar 15 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. the opening day and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the next.

Volunteers would help vendors with sales and customers; they'd receive early shopping privileges and would be eligible for door prizes. Contact Roni Dieringer at DSN 227-9672 or ronderingcyta.attn:line.jp, or Elizabeth Kijima-Downs at isbetkijima@hotmail.com for more information.

JMSDF ships in Sasebo

The JDS Konga, a Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Agies-equipped ship, and JDA Ariake, a JMSDF escort ship, returned to the JMSDF Sasebo District Base on Sunday. The U.S. Sasebo Air Base and the JMSDF base operate side-by-side.

The ships have been operating in the Indian Ocean with JDA Thetis, based at the JMSDF Kure Base, for about four months.

All three provided logistical support to the United States and other coalition forces in accordance with the Anti-Terrorism Special Measure Law.

Iwakuni bowling facility

Planning is under way for a new bowling facility at Iwakuni Marine Corps Community Services, according to an Iwakuni Marine Corps Community Services release Monday. Four Quonset huts and several smaller buildings will be removed before construction.

The new bowling center will be constructed on the north side of the base near the Wood and Auto Hobby Shops, between Newell Drive, Westbrook and Odenhaugh, according to an Iwakuni Marine Corps Community Services release Monday. Four Quonset huts and several smaller buildings will be removed before construction.

The entire project is estimated to cost \$8.05 million. Iwakuni MCCS is to fund about half of the amount; MCCS Headquarters will fund the other half.

A private study estimated that construction costs would be recovered in 12.6 years, the release stated.

Once construction begins, the center should be completed within 15 months. The new bowling center is estimated to be completed in the spring of 2007.

From staff reports

Yokota pins down plans for new bowling alley

By VINCE LITTLE
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — After a decade-long fight to secure funding, officials here soon will get their wish: a state-of-the-art bowling center they hope to showcase as the Pacific's premier facility.

The blueprint calls for a complete gutting and overhaul of Building 1213, the old base exchange on Yokota's west side, currently being used as the temporary Air Mobility Command passenger terminal. Renovations under way at the AMC's permanent location in Building 80 are expected to be completed in late October.

Atanacio Puzon, the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron's chief of architectural design, said

a local contractor should be in place by late November, with work on the new \$5.3 million bowling center beginning shortly after Jan. 1. Tomodachi Lanes general manager Jeff Hamilton is targeting January 2006 for a grand opening.

"We're going to take that footprint and totally gut the inside of the building," Hamilton said. "Even part of the floors will come out and be replaced and they'll do some underground work. We'll take everything out and start from scratch — upgrade and reinstall everything. In the end, we'll have the most updated bowling facility you can get."

Officials said the new center will feature 26 lanes, a central control counter, snack bar area, arcade, pro shop, children's playroom,

51 slot machines, bar and lounge, wide-screen TVs, karaoke, a multipurpose sports/meeting room, a ball-drilling and storage room, new restrooms, a locker area, administration offices and a machinist room, with fresh interior finishes, furnishings and equipment. Workers are to install new heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electricity, lighting, fire-protection and communications systems, as well.

Wireless scoring consoles and wall service from the bar areas also are to be among the new amenities.

Hamilton, who's been at Yokota for about 2½ years, helped design the new alley, which will measure 35,000 square feet. That's more than 6,000 square feet larger than the present layout, he said.

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Sasebo simplifies base telephone system

By GREG TYLER
Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Calling a base operator or automated relay line to connect to base DSN numbers from commercial telephone lines no longer is necessary.

The Navy Japan Telephone Operator Center here also has done away with separate two-digit prefixes for local and international calls originating from the base. Consequently, users will receive one consolidated bill beginning in October for base phone service and long-distance calls.

"These are really two different projects," said George Wallman, officer in charge of base communications at Sasebo Naval Base.

Base communications officials are working to get the word out about the new dialing rules that began this month.

The operator center reaches beyond Sasebo.

"If someone is on a Navy facility in Japan, and they dial zero, it's going to ring here" and be answered by one of 19 operators working various shifts, he added.

Operators no longer sit at local switchboards connecting calls with plugs "like in the old Hitchcock movies," Wallman said.

Wallman said the U.S. Air Force, Army and Marine Corps installations "do their

DSN calls no longer require use of operators or automated relay

own thing." In addition, the system does not serve the Navy populations in Misawa or on Okinawa.

He said the operator system will include U.S. Naval Base Guam next month. Eventually, Wallman added, the center in Sasebo will serve all the Pacific Fleet's Navy installations.

"In the States, in about '96, telephone progressed to where every telephone operator in the United States was consolidated in Boulder, Colo.," he said.

"We're doing pretty much the same sort of thing for Navy here in Japan."

In Sasebo, we used to have telephone operators at the main base and at Hario Housing Village," Wallman said. "We've had operators at Negishi and Yokosuka. Now in Japan, all the Navy telephone operators are right here in Sasebo."

Also gone is a six-digit automated relay line in Sasebo. When a caller connected, he or she would receive a second dial tone, then dial the seven-digit base number desired.

"The problem was, as soon as the automated line picked up, they were being

charged before dialing the number they wanted to reach, and whether or not they got an answer," Wallman said.

Using the new Direct Inward Dialing system, for instance, if an off-base caller wants to call DSN 252-3832 on the Sasebo base, they simply dial 50-3832.

From elsewhere in Japan, callers simply add the area code. For instance, to call the Sasebo base, customers would dial 0956-50 followed by the last four digits of the DSN extension.

From the United States, a caller would add the Japan country code and dial 81-956-50 followed by the last four digits of the DSN extension.

"I like it. I like it a lot," said Maria McAlister, an employee at Sasebo's Fleet and Family Support Center. "Plus, when people used to try and send us faxes using the old system, they'd try and it wouldn't come through. Now they come right through. It works perfect."

"Also, it's much better from home when I need to call someone at my office on base. I can just dial straight in," she added.

Yokosuka Naval Base has two DID numbers, depending on the Yokosuka prefix you want to call; the two Yokosuka prefixes are 243 and 241.

The Japan commercial area code for all of Yokosuka is 0468, the counterpart to Sasebo's 0956, Wallman said.

An off-base caller using DID to call a Yokosuka 243 number would dial 16 followed by the last four digits of the DSN extension if they are calling from a 0468 number, he said. If calling from out of the 0468 area or from a cellular phone, they would dial 0468-16 followed by the last four digits of the DSN extension.

The DID number for calling to a Yokosuka 241 prefix is 0468-96 followed by the last four digits of the DSN extension, or 96 followed by the last four digits of the DSN extension if dialing from a 0468 off-base number, Wallman said.

Atsugi Naval Air Facility will have DID soon.

Another benefit reaching telephone customers: users on base needing to call local or international commercial numbers simply use the prefix 99.

On telephone bills each month, the balance for base telephone service and long-distance calls will be combined. Users make one payment and "we reimburse the carriers," Wallman said.

Call 252-3200 for more information about the telephone services.

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Bowl: Improved Yokota facility to be 'the pearl of the Pacific'

BOWLING, FROM PAGE 3

With the extra space, Hamilton plans to stage additional special events such as glow-in-the-dark bowling, Super Bowl parties and Rock 'n' Bowls employing the new video, sound and disc jockey capabilities. Hours of operation also may be expanded, along with the various youth programs offered by Tomodachi Lanes.

Hamilton is certified in every aspect of the sport's business and operational side and has worked in bowling management for more than 25 years. He played an integral part in the new bowling centers at Fort Irwin, Calif., Osan Air Base, South Korea; and Taegu, South Korea.

The building that currently houses Tomodachi Lanes once was used by the Japanese military to warehouse airplane parts. The bowling center was put in about 58 years ago, Hamilton said.

It's been renovated a few times since, the last upgrade coming in 1975, when the facility's newer half was built, doubling the house from 20 to 32 lanes.

"The age of this facility should tell you exactly why we're moving," Hamilton said. "It's not as good as the community deserves. We can't upgrade any more than we have without totally disassembling this building and starting over. We're fighting age right now: old ceilings, pillars, HVAC systems and lanes."

The lack of direct control over humidity and ventilation inside the bowling center has been a persistent problem at Yokota, he added. All adjustments must be made by the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron.

"Here, it's either hot or cold all the time, and that really affects lane conditions," Hamilton said. "Yokota has been fighting humidity for years, and it's one of the big

Bowling in style

The new bowling alley will feature:

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- Pro shop
- Children's playroom
- S1 slot machines
- Bar and lounge
- Karaoke
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- Wait service from the bar

issues with me — because I know what it's doing to the lanes."

"In the new center, the HVAC systems will be under house control. That'll help immensely on the condition of the lanes and approaches. I'm just trying to give everybody a decent shot out there."

Yokota officials began the push for a new bowling center in 1994, he added, finally opting to refurbish an existing building rather

than seek additional funding for a brand new center.

The area around Building 1213 offers much more parking than the current facility, Bangkok Express, the popular Thai eatery that operates out of Tomodachi Lanes, also will make the move and begin providing delivery service from the new location.

"It's going to be a real neat place," Hamilton said. "Yokota has needed this for a long time. It'll be a fun and exciting place to go."

"We need a new facility. We need all these great programs that we're limited in doing right now because of the aging equipment. We try hard to keep this place as comfortable as possible

for the community, but it's a battle. With the new bowling center, we are going to be the pearl of the Pacific."

The U.S. government is funding the entire project, Puzon said. Once the relocation process is finalized, the existing building will be demolished and converted into a parking lot.

Hamilton said there could be a problem of two to three weeks in which base residents might not have access to the bowling alley, while workers haul the machines that set pins to the new house and complete certification requirements. That might delay the start of the winter leagues until early 2006, he said.

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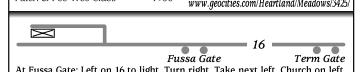
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Web site claims 2nd American beheaded

BY ALEXANDRA ZAVIS
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A posting on an Islamic Web site claimed Tuesday that the al-Qaida-linked group led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi has slain a U.S. hostage in Iraq, just 24 hours after grisly video showed the terror mastermind beheading another American captive.

The posting was followed about two hours later by a claim on a different Web site threatening to kill a third hostage, a British man, if women prisoners in Iraq are not freed.

Neither claim could immediately be verified.

Al-Zarqawi's group, Tawhid and Jihad, kidnapped two Americans — Jack Hensley and Eugene Armstrong — and Briton Kenneth Bigley on Thursday from a home that the three civil engineers shared in an upscale Baghdad neighborhood. Al-Zarqawi beheaded Armstrong, and the militants on Monday posted a gruesome video of the 52-year-old man's death.

The new postings followed the passing of the militants' 24-hour deadline for the release of all

Iraqi women from prison, and after anguished relatives in the United States and Britain begged for the lives of Bigley, 62, and Hensley, who would have marked his 49th birthday Wednesday.

"The nation's zealous sons slaughtered the secularists from Baghdad after the end of the deadline," the first statement said.

It was signed with the pseudonym Abu Maysara al-Iraqi, the name usually used on statements from al-Zarqawi's group. Claims on this Web site have proven to be accurate in the past.

The brief statement did not give the name of the hostage killed.

It promised video proof soon. Tawhid and Jihad — Arabic for "Monotheism and Holy War" — has claimed responsibility for killing at least seven hostages, including another American, Nicholas Berg, who was abducted in April. The group also has said it is behind a number of bombings and gun attacks.

This week's back-to-back killings and the threat of more, however, represented a heightened level of psychological warfare in

al-Zarqawi's campaign of terror.

A host of militant groups have used kidnappings and bombings as their signature weapons in a blood-soaked campaign to undermine interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's government and force the United States and its allies out of Iraq. The violence has already persuaded companies to leave Iraq, hindered foreign investment, led firms to drop out of aid projects, restricted activities to relatively safe areas and forced major expenditures on security.

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Beneading: Al-Zarqawi identified on last tape

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A car bomb wounded four U.S. soldiers on the road to Baghdad's airport and two Marines were reported killed in separate attacks west of the capital, underscoring the inability of American forces to control key areas part of Iraq 17 months after starting operations here.

Al-Zarqawi, standing alongside four other masked militants clad

in black, personally cut off Armstrong's head, the CIA confirmed after analyzing his voice on Monday's footage.

Armstrong's body was discovered only blocks from where he lived, officials and witnesses said. Rick Gamber, Armstrong's cousin, told NBC's "Today Show" that the family doesn't want revenge.

"Our family feels a great deal of grief," he said. "We hope the criminal

is brought to justice, but we certainly don't want people to overreact and do something foolish."

More than 130 foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq, and at least 26 of them have been killed. Many more Iraqis have also been seized in the chaos since Saddam Hussein was ousted last year.

Also Tuesday, the Turkish VIN-SAN construction company announced it was bowing to the de-

mands of militants and halting operations in Iraq in a bid to save the lives of 10 kidnapped Turkish employees.

Another Turkish hostage, seized Aug. 5, was released after his company, Atahan Lojistik International, withdrew from Iraq, the Turkish Foreign Ministry said. Tashin Top's abductors had also demanded a \$45,000 ransom. It was not clear if money was paid.

But Turkish state TRT television reported the body of another Turk, identified as Akar Besir, was found early Tuesday near Mosul.

The station said Besir was employed as a driver for a firm working for the U.S. military and was kidnapped on Saturday.

Associated Press reporter Sam F. Ghahis contributed to this story from Cairo, Egypt.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Monday, 1,032 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 782 died as a result of hostile action and 250 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 65 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 894 U.S. military members have died — 673 as a result of hostile action and 221 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers Monday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

- Insurgents attacked a U.S. patrol with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades Monday near Sharqat, killing an American soldier, the military said.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

- Marine Lance Cpl. Gregory C. Howman, 28, Charlotte, N.C.; died Wednesday in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Military probing death of Afghanistan detainee

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The U.S. military is investigating whether American soldiers abused an Afghan detainee so badly that he died last year at a special forces base in southeastern Afghanistan, an official said Tuesday.

The criminal case, the latest in a string of probes into alleged abuse of prisoners in U.S. jails here, was opened over the weekend following a report that Afghan investigators concluded that the young militiaman may have been murdered.

"We do have an ongoing criminal investigation," said Chris Grey, a spokesman for the Army's Criminal Investigation Command at Fort Belvoir, Va. The probe focused on "an alleged death of an Afghan detainee and alleged abuse," he said.

Grey said the military was responding to an account in the Los Angeles Times of how an 18-year-old Afghan named Jamal Nasseer died after he and seven other militia soldiers were seized by U.S. soldiers in March 2003.

Citing a report by Afghan military prosecutors and witness statements, the newspaper said the men were held for 17 days at the Special Forces base in Gardiz, the capital of Pakhtia province.

Survivors said they were beaten, hung upside down and struck repeatedly with sticks, rubber hoses and cables, the newspaper reported. Some alleged they were immersed in cold water, made to lie in the snow, or subjected to electric shocks.

It said Nasseer died on March 16 after complaining of abdominal pains, and that hospital officials and his mother said his corpse showed signs of severe bruising.

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Cpl. Alan Gonzales, a 21-year-old from El Paso, Texas, and medic for Company C's 3rd Platoon, scans for danger Sunday in a Bradley fighting vehicle while waiting for casualties at an evacuation point near Tallil Square in Baghdad.

Patrols turn ugly on Haifa Street

BY LISA BURGESS
Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD — Until last week, the world knew little about Haifa Street. Then came the spectacular car bombs in front of the Iraqi police station, and suddenly, Haifa was Iraq's newest war zone.

But to the soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, who must patrol the sector that includes Haifa Street, that area has been an all-out war zone for months.

In fact, soldiers with the 1-9 Cav don't call it Haifa Street. To them, it's "Grenade Alley," or "Purple Heart Boulevard."

In Baghdad, "there are two areas that are highly contested," said Capt. Chris Ford, commander of the 1-9's Company C, "Sadr City and here, in the Haifa area."

"Every time we go out, we expect contact," said Staff Sgt. Jimmie Thomas, a platoon sergeant for Company C, 1/153rd Infantry of the Arkansas National Guard, which is attached to the 1-9 Cav.

"Almost anything you do out there is movement to the 1-9 Cav," Thomas said. "Presence patrols, whatever. You're expecting to get hit."

More than half the company's soldiers have qualified for Purple Hearts, and Thomas knows personally just how "getting hit" feels.

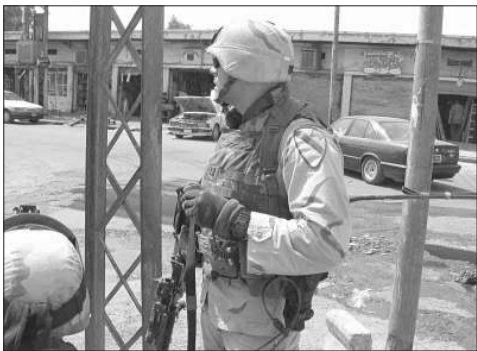
There was on a mission just two weeks ago, which ended in an hours-long firefight, with six of the platoon's soldiers, including Thomas, wounded by grenades. Thomas took shrapnel in the neck and a leg.

A Haifa mission on Sunday afternoon was shorter and less lethal, but not without incident.

Company C was originally directed to conduct a dismounted patrol that would begin in Tallil Square ("one of the more dangerous areas" in the Haifa sector, Ford said) and end a mile or so away, at the police station where a bomb went off last week.

Just as the convoy was leaving Forward Operating Base Headhunter, Ford got a call to stop everything, unload the troops, and return to the Tactical Operations Center for new instructions.

As it turned out, when he returned to tell his troopers to "mount up," the mission had changed. The foot patrol was still a "go," but local Iraqi police forces were working on a "snatch-and-grab" of an insurgent, and the unit's soldiers were needed to assist, if necessary.



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Capt. Chris Ford, commander of Company C, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, tries to discern the direction of gunfire as he prepares to lead a foot patrol Sunday on Haifa Street in Baghdad.

Off the convoy went, with most of the Bradleys heading for Tallil Square.

All went well for about a minute, until the hatch dropped on the fighting vehicles. The troopers dashed out. They established a perimeter, and then began to move down an alley.

The patrol gone about 100 meters when "it turned into World War III out there," Ford said.

For the next 90 minutes, "We had contact the majority of the mission," Ford said.

In addition to "direct fire, grenade attacks and all types of harassing fire... we were taking well-aimed shots from well-trained individuals," he said.

Yet this time, Company C was lucky: No one was hurt.

In fact, on a scale of one to 10, with 10 being the worst possible day, Ford rated Sunday's mission "about a six."

But it hasn't always been such a "good" day for the unit, which has responsibility for most of the patrols on Haifa Street. Some 60 out of the 118 men in his company have qualified for Purple Hearts, Ford said.

And the 1-9 Cav has had three soldiers killed in action since arriving in March, said Maj. Chris DeGaray, the 1-9's executive officer.

Located in central Baghdad, just a few miles from the tightly controlled and patrolled International Zone where U.S. Embassy and other coalition personnel live and work, Haifa Street and its surroundings are a mix: Sunni and Shiite Muslims living and working together.

Like many places in Iraq, Haifa Street acts as a dividing line between the "haves" and the "have nots." On one side are the British Embassy, a revered Islamic cemetery and nine homes.

On the other: poverty. The stench of garbage and untreated sewage permeates the street. Piles of trash are everywhere. Houses and apartments on the poor part of Haifa Street are crumbling, some from the effects of last year's war, but most from neglect.

It's a perfect place for insurgents who need cover from powerful American weapons, because "it's a labyrinth in there," Ford said.

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Stripes reporter's close-up of Company C

BY LISA BURGESS
Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD — As a veteran reporter of many military conflicts, I have never heard, smelled or felt anything like the firefight I witnessed Sunday on Haifa Street.

And I cannot believe that the men of Company C, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry do this every day.

Before we began the mission, company commander Capt. Chris Ford had some simple instructions for me: Stay with him and do whatever he told me to do, when he told me to do it.

We headed out. It was a 10-minute trip in Ford's command Bradley fighting vehicle to our drop-off point.

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IN THE WORLD

Iran admits starting uranium conversion

BY GEORGE JAHN
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Shrugging off a 35-nation ultimatum, Iran revealed Tuesday that it had started converting tons of raw uranium as part of technology that could be used to make nuclear arms.

The International Atomic Energy Agency's board of governors passed a resolution on Saturday demanding that Iran freeze all uranium enrichment — including conversion — and expressing alarms of Tehran's plans to start the process.

Describing his country as a victim of "pressures imposed by the United States," Iranian Vice President Reza Aghazadeh said that the more than 40 tons of uranium being mined for enrichment "some (already) has been used."

Enrichment can be used to generate power or to create the highly processed, weapons-grade uranium that can be used for nuclear warheads.

Iran insists its aims are peaceful, and President Mohammad Khatami suggested his country would not bargain on enrichment. He said Iran was determined to exercise its right to "peaceful nuclear technology" — even at the risk of severing ties with the IAEA, thereby removing all international oversight.

"We will continue along our path even if it leads to an end to international supervision of Iran's nuclear activities," Khatami said at a military parade in Tehran.

Aghazadeh said the U.S.-led pressure was meant to deny Tehran access to its right to nonmilitary nuclear technology. "Tests are going on successfully" to make uranium hexafluoride gas, he said.

IAEA spokeswoman Melissa Fleming said the agency head Mohamed ElBaradei "continues to call on Iran, as did the board, to suspend such a test as part of their confidence-building measures."

Aghazadeh did not detail the stage of conversion, or the amounts involved.

A senior diplomat familiar with Iran's nuclear activities, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Iran apparently began conversion in late August and had stopped at a precursor of uranium hexafluoride. He suggested the pause could be linked to indecision within the leadership on whether to flout the IAEA board resolution or give in to it and freeze all enrichment-related activities including conversion.

Aghazadeh suggested Iran's course of action remained open and said Tehran "will decide on the basis of our national interests" what to do.

The resolution passed unanimously Saturday by the agency's governing board demanded that Iran freeze all work on uranium enrichment. It specifically expressed alarm at the conversion plans involving the more than 40 tons of raw uranium.

Converted into uranium hexafluoride and repeatedly spun in centrifuges, more than 40 tons of raw uranium would have a yield of more than 200 pounds of weapons-grade highly enriched uranium. Experts say that would be enough to make five crude nuclear weapons.

The IAEA resolution, suggesting that Iran may have to answer to the U.N. Security Council if it defied the demands, said the next board meeting, in November, would "decide whether or not further steps are appropriate" in ensuring Iran complies.

Tehran says it is stopping short of enrichment. But the resolution also calls for a halt of related activities, including making, assembling and testing centrifuges — and producing the uranium hexafluoride.

Iran is not prohibited from enrichment under its obligations to the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty. But for months, it has faced international pressure to suspend such activities as a good-faith gesture.

Haiti begins to bury dead from flooding

BY AMY BRACKEN
The Associated Press

GOANAIVES, Haiti — Rescuers pulled bodies from the morgue at the hospital Tuesday, readying them for a mass burial after Tropical Storm Jeanne killed at least 691 people in the battered nation.

Half of the northern city of Goanaives, where the toll was the highest at 500, was still covered by contaminated rivers of water carrying the carcasses of pigs, goats, dogs, smashed-up furniture and pieces of zinc roof that tore into soils of barefooted survivors.

Not a house in the city of a quarter million escaped the wrath of Tropical Storm Jeanne.

"We're going to start burying people in mass graves later Tuesday," said Toussaint Kongo-Doudou, a spokesman for the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Haiti. Some were buried Monday.

Bloated corpses were piled high at three fly-infested morgues in Goanaives, where the electricity was still off, temperatures reached into the 90s and water still lapped at the sides of wooden houses Tuesday, four days after the passage of Jeanne.

Brazilian and Jordanian troops, part of the U.N. peacekeeping team sent to stabilize Haiti after rebels ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in February, struggled to help the needy Tuesday as aid workers ferried supplies of water and food to victims.

More than 1,000 people were missing, said Raoul Elysee, the head of the Haitian Red Cross, which was trying desperately to find doctors to help.

The European Union sent aid, to be distributed by the International Red Cross and other aid agencies in Haiti, according to EU Development Commissioner Poul Nielson.

Aid workers faced growing security threats on Tuesday, said Hans Havik, from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the world's largest humanitarian organization based in Geneva.

"I lost my kids and there's nothing I can do," said Jean Estimable, whose 2-year-old daughter was killed and another of his five children was missing and presumed dead.

Interim President Boniface Alexandre addressed the U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday, plead-



Haitians walk on a flooded street Monday as they leave their destroyed homes in Goanaives, Haiti. Half of Goanaives, where at least 500 people died from floods caused by Tropical Storm Jeanne, was still covered by contaminated rivers of water carrying animal carcasses, smashed-up furniture and pieces of zinc roofs.

ing for help from the international community.

"In the face of this tragedy... I appeal urgently for the solidarity of the international community so it may once again support the government in the framework of emergency assistance."

Floods are particularly devastating in Haiti, the poorest country in the Americas, because it is almost completely deforested, leaving few roots to hold back rushing waters or mudslides.

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Russia, S. Korea address security, economy

BY MARIA DANILOVA
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia and South Korea's presidents reaffirmed efforts Tuesday to free the Korean Peninsula of nuclear weapons amid troubling rhetoric from Pyongyang that has slowed efforts to hold another round of six-nation talks aimed at persuading North Korea to end its nuclear weapons development.

"Our country has consistently called for a non-nuclear status of the Korean peninsula and for the continuation of the six-nation negotiating process," Russian President Vladimir Putin said after the meeting.

South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun said he wanted to "thank the Russian government for playing an active role in bringing about peace and stability to the Korean peninsula and our region."

Putin stressed the need for cooperation to ease tensions. "Our common work is not aimed against someone. It is aimed at strengthening security and boosting cooperation not only between our two countries but in all the countries of the region," he said.

Putin also said Russia would work on developing joint energy and transportation projects involving both Koreas.

Russian and South Korea

agreed to build a new oil-refining and petrochemical plant in the Russian province of Tatarstan, which is worth \$3 billion.

"We have been cooperating very actively in the sphere of economy," Putin said. "We have been able to eliminate all obstacles and barriers in this sphere."

Roh also praised Putin's efforts to bring stability to Russian political life and fuel economic growth.

"I would like to say that many Korean firms have a special understanding and interest in cooperating with Russian partners, especially after you became president and Russia became stable in all spheres — politics, economy and trade," said Roh.



South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun, left, and Russian President Vladimir Putin shake hands Tuesday in Moscow, where the two leaders addressed issues of cooperation between the two nations.

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Mad cow in Japan

TOKYO — A slaughtered Holstein cow in western Japan has tested positive for mad cow disease, local government officials said Tuesday.

If the cow in Nara prefecture is confirmed to have the illness, it will mark the 13th case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE, in Japan.

So far only preliminary tests have been conducted on the 8-year-old animal, but more precise examinations likely will be carried out in two or three days, Nara health officials said.

The cow's meat and organs had not gone on the market, the officials said in a statement, adding that the meat processing center where it was dismembered would be thoroughly disinfected.

Suicide attack threat

KARACHI, Pakistan — Police beefed up security outside the U.S. Consulate in the southern Pakistani city of Karachi on Tuesday after receiving a tip that female suicide bombers might target it, the deputy police chief said.

However, police officials said they had no specific information about the women who might target the consulate, which was the scene of a car bomb attack in June 2002 that left 14 Pakistanis dead.

Deputy city police chief Fayyaz Leghari said police have deployed five or six women officers outside the consulate to search female visitors.

Sitting with scorpions

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — A Malaysian woman has broken a world record by enduring 32 days enclosed in a glass box with 6,069 scorpions, suffering seven stings in the process, her sponsor claimed Tuesday.

Nur Malena Hassan, 27, will remain in the case, on display in a shopping mall in the eastern city of Kuantan, until Saturday, said Bohari Rahmat, whose biscuit company sponsored the stunt.

Late Monday, Nur Malena surpassed the previous record held by Kanchana Ketchaw from Thailand, who spent 31 days in a glass box with 3,400 scorpions, Bohari said.

From The Associated Press

Street: Danger present 24/7

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"There are winding alleys all over, no rhyme or reason to the streets, and no clear shots" for anyone trying to fight back — especially with a population of more than 100,000 civilians crammed into the same area.

"It's classic urban warfare," Ford said.

The part of Haifa Street where Sunday's fighting took place always has been poor and problematic, according to local Iraqis and 1-9 Cav members.

"These are the same people Saddam had problems with, but he used much more brutal tactics than we can to control them," said Capt. Reggie Kornegay, a civil affairs officer with the 47th Civil Affairs Battalion but who is attached to the 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment.

Nevertheless, at the end of the war, it wasn't that bad for coalition troops patrolling Haifa Street, said soldiers from the 1-9 Cav.

"When we first got to here, we walked around giving candy to kids and talking to people," said 2nd Lt. Rick Caldwell, a Company C platoon leader.

Thomas, a Company C platoon sergeant, agreed.

"At first it wasn't too bad," he said. He said his platoon has done "hundreds" of missions to Haifa Street since March.

But two months later, the situation started to change.

Insurgents began to make inroads with local Iraqis by spreading money to poor families, Kornegay said. Suddenly, people were less interested in talking to American soldiers. Residents watching passing U.S. convoys stopped smiling and began swooning.

Then, in early May, Kornegay — whom DeGarry praised for his special ability to relate to local Iraqis — and his small team were attacked on the corner of Haifa and a place known simply as Street #17.

In a five-hour fight, Kornegay was wounded in a leg by grenade shrapnel while another soldier was wounded in the stomach.

As the summer wore on, the situation worsened.

By August, 60 percent to 70 percent of his platoon's missions to Haifa Street "were resulting in enemy contact of some sort," Thomas said.

But even as patrols continue to turn into firefighting, DeGarry said he has faith the situation will turn around, especially as the Iraqi Security Forces improve its abilities.

"The ISF has really come a long way in the five months we've been here," he said Sunday. "They have grown in training and experience."

Meanwhile, "We're going to keep the pressure on," Ford said. "We will not give (the insurgents) the opportunity to publicly, openly plan or present themselves."

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Soldiers from Company C patrol Haifa Street, where one platoon sergeant estimated 60 to 70 percent of missions result in "enemy contact of some sort."

Close: Hazardous patrol reveals GIs' courage under fire

CLOSE, FROM PAGE 7

There was little conversation in the oven of the Bradley, with the engine's roar throbbing over our earplugs.

Suddenly, the Bradley stopped and the rear hatch dropped open.

"Let's do it," someone muttered, and we dismounted into the dusty street.

The smell of raw sewage was strong. Wary, unhappy Iraqis watched us.

For the first minute, all was quiet.

Then, the sound of gunfire. I heard the smack of AK-47 fire in the air. It seemed to be coming from several blocks away.

I ran awkwardly after Ford, who was dashing down the street and yelling into his radio.

As it turned out, the fire was "friendly" — Iraqi police forces on a raid.

The patrol continued, but about a block down, we heard an explosion. We all ran for cover, Americans and Iraqis alike.

As I was running, my left ankle caught the edge of a pile of trash and twisted. I went down hard, into a puddle of muck.

A U.S. soldier promptly turned and, without missing a beat, yanked me back to my feet.

"Are you OK?" He yelled as we kept running.

"Yeah," I yelled back.

In truth, I was pretty messed up, and I still had more than a mile to go with the patrol before we could link up with the casualty evacuation point.

My breath was harsh in my ears, my heart pounding from the pain as I half-hobbled, half-jogged along, camera bouncing against my body armor.

The shooting got closer: Insurgents had realized they could use the Iraqi police fire to cover their own efforts against the American foot patrol.

There was incoming fire and more explosions — possibly grenades, maybe makeshift bombs.

But Company C was used to all this. Each soldier was weaving positions and moving with the precision of a company trained by a choreographer.

It was about to get worse: We had snipers on our hands.

We were near the end of the foot patrol route when I heard a crack.

I knew what that cracking noise meant: When bullets traveling the speed of sound get very close to your head, they sound like fingers snapping.

Three soldiers and I made a dead run for the evacuation Bradley.

I heard the crack again, then a few hundred feet later, again.

But I made it safely to the Bradley, and the soldiers continued their mission.

I wasn't afraid — it is my eighth combat deployment since 1994. I've been shot at in Africa, Afghanistan and Kosovo. I was in the Pentagon when an airliner slammed into it on Sept. 11, 2001.

But I was embarrassed that I had fallen, and angry to think I might have jeopardized the patrol by my slowness.

Most of all, I was amazed at the courage and cool of the soldiers who have been doing this every day since March.

"They are competent, they are brave ... they are every adjective I can come up with," Ford later said of his soldiers.

"Maybe history will someday reflect that."

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U.N.: \$24B a year needed to combat hunger worldwide

BY JONATHAN EWING

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The developing world needs \$24 billion a year in investment and other spending to help it overcome vicious cycles of hunger that remain both the cause and effect of its poverty, a top U.N. official said.

"When a significant portion of a nation's population is hungry, that nation will never develop economically. And it will never pull itself out of poverty," said Dr. Jacques Diouf, director general of the Rome-based U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization. "Because they are hungry, they can't produce, and as long as they can't produce, they will always go hungry," Diouf said.

"It's a vicious circle." Diouf's remarks came Monday, one day before the annual U.N. General Assembly ministerial meeting focusing on ways to finance the alleviation of poverty and hunger to ensure that millions are not left behind by globalization.

Nations in the developing world need investment to help stimulate agricultural production and to build up the infrastructure for development, particularly rural roads that allow farmers to get their crops to markets, irrigation and storage facilities.

"We set the objective in 1996 of cutting by half the number of hungry people by 2015," Diouf said. "But we are reducing the number of hungry people by 2 million a year. At this rate, we will achieve the goal by 2150."

The United Nations estimates that more than 1 billion people in the world go hungry.

The greatest problem, in terms of population, is in Africa, where 26 percent are undernourished, Diouf said. But in terms of absolute numbers, the most hungry people are in Asia.

To quicken the process of reducing hunger and reach its goals, the FAO estimated that additional public spending of about \$24 billion annually is needed: Raising farm production in poor rural communities, \$2.3 billion; promoting sustainable use of natural resources, \$7.4 billion; increasing investment in rural infrastructure and market access, \$7.8 billion; supporting agricultural research and education, \$1.1 billion; and improving access to food for the most needy, \$5.2 billion.

U.N. officials say that devoting more resources to agriculture and rural development will increase productivity, employment opportunities and access to food, particularly in rural areas and countries where hunger is most common.

Diouf also pointed out that increasing productivity is in the interest of developed countries because transforming hungry people to consumers would stimulate the buying of goods and services.

Bush defends Iraq war in address before U.N.

President appeals to nations to support new government

BY SCOTT LINDLAW

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — President Bush delivered an unapologetic defense of his decision to invade Iraq, telling the United Nations on Tuesday that it "helped to deliver the Iraqi people from an outlaw dictator."

His speech to the U.N. General Assembly, running just 24 minutes, appealed to the world community to join together in supporting the new Iraqi interim government. Bush included an appeal for intensifying the global war against terrorism and for focusing energies on humanitarian missions, from helping to end the bloody violence in Sudan to combating AIDS in Africa.

Two years after he told the world body that Iraq was a "grave and gathering danger" and challenged delegates to live up to their responsibility, Bush strongly defended his decision to lead a coalition that overthrew Saddam Hussein's regime without the blessings of the U.N. Security Council.

He spoke shortly after U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan opened the 191-nation gathering with a warning that the "rule of law" is at risk around the world. Annan has asserted that the U.S.-led invasion

of Iraq "was illegal" because it lacked such Security Council approval.

"No one is above the law," Annan said. He condemned the taking and killing of hostages in Iraq, but also said Iraqi prisoners had been disgracefully abused, an implicit criticism of the U.S. treatment of detainees at Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad.

Bush told a subdued U.N. session that terrorists believe that "suicide and murder are justified. And they act on their beliefs."

He cited recent terror acts, including the death of children earlier this month in their Russian schoolhouse.

"The Russian children did nothing to deserve such awful suffering and fright and death," the president said.

Bush reached out to the international organization to help with the reconstruction of Iraq, noting that the prime minister of Iraq's interim government, Ayad Allawi, was among those attending the session.

"The U.N. and its member nations must respond to Prime Minister Allawi's request and do more to help build an Iraq that is secure, democratic, federal and free," he said.

"A democratic Iraq has ruthless enemies," Bush added, asserting

that "a terrorist group associated with al-Qaida is now one of the main groups killing the innocent in Iraq today, conducting a campaign of bombings against civilians and the beheadings of bound men."

Many world leaders were reluctant to comment immediately on Bush's speech, including South African President Thabo Mbeki, who said, "I'm still reading it."

Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said that while he agreed with Bush's comments on defending liberty and democracy, there were other issues with which there was disagreement. He didn't elaborate, but earlier he mentioned that Spain would not contribute troops to the U.S.-led force in Iraq.

With the casualty toll in Iraq still rising and with a rash of recent suicide attacks, Bush did not dwell on his decision to invade Iraq. But he suggested that the Security Council had not followed through after it "promised serious consequences" for Saddam's defiance.

"The commitment we make must have meaning. When we make serious consequences, for the sake of peace there must be serious consequences. And so a coalition of nations enforced the just demands of the world," Bush said.

Bush's remarks drew applause only once — at the speech's end.

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Government seeks \$280B in tobacco fraud trial

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The biggest tobacco companies in the United States worked together for decades to mislead the public about the dangers of smoking, a federal lawyer alleged Tuesday at the start of a civil racketeering trial in which the government seeks a record \$280 billion.

In his opening statement, Justice Department attorney Frank Marine said starting in the 1960s the industry spent hundreds of millions of dollars on organizations set up to counter the growing body of scientific evidence linking smoking to cancer.

He cited internal industry documents showing company executives knew they were trying to deceive the public.

"The problem ... was that the public might stop smoking because of health concerns," he said.

The industry created the Center for Tobacco Research and the Center for Indoor Air Research to rebut scientific findings about smoking and the dangers of second hand smoke, and set up the Tobacco Institute to promote their findings and otherwise serve as a public relations and lobbying arm, he noted.

Marine said the goal was to create a controversy where none existed. He said the "massive scheme" was successful and has had devastating consequences, citing the nearly half-million Americans who die from smoking-related illnesses each year.

The government's opening statement was expected to take all day Tuesday. Industry lawyers were scheduled to make their opening statement Wednesday.

The defendants in the case are Philip Morris USA Inc. and its parent, Altria Group Inc.; R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.; Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co.; British American Tobacco Ltd.; Lorillard Tobacco Co.; Liggett Group Inc.; Council for Tobacco Research-U.S.A.; and the Tobacco Institute.

Industry lawyers have acknowledged tobacco executives may have expressed doubts about public health concerns in the past, but say that doesn't amount to fraud.

"Fraud is, 'I have a specific intention to mislead you or take money from you by deceiving you,'" said Philip Morris USA attorney William Ohlmeier. "Fraud is a very high bar."

The industry settled lawsuits with the states over smoking-related health costs for \$246 billion (the current exchange rates). Those agreements, reached in the late 1990s, led to limits on advertising and marketing and shuttered industry lobbying and research organizations.

The government brought the racketeering case in 1999, when the Clinton administration was in power, and has spent \$135 million.

Senate panel OKs Goss nomination

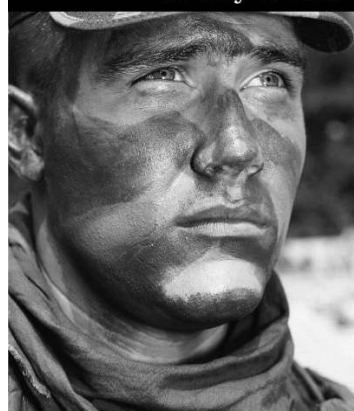
WASHINGTON — A Senate panel on Tuesday approved the nomination of Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., to head the CIA, overcoming Democrats' objections that Goss was too political for the job.

In a closed meeting, the Senate Intelligence Committee voted 12 to 4, with three Democrats joining the committee's nine Republicans in approving the nomination and one Democrat making no recommendation. Goss' nomination could go before the full Republican-led Senate as early as this week.

Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., ranking Democrat on the committee, voted against Goss. President Bush's choice to head the CIA — saying that while chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Goss had "repeatedly used intelligence issues for partisan purposes."

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American Indian museum dedicated on National Mall

BY FREDERIC J. FROMMER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A colorful Native Nations procession heralded the opening Tuesday of the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of the American Indian, the newest addition to the historic treasure-trove dotting the National Mall.

A group of five White Mountain Apache Indians from White River, Ariz., drew a crowd with their exotic dress. Four had their chests painted black with white lettering while the fifth was painted white with black lettering. Pine needles were wrapped around their arms and waists, and wooden headgear reached two feet above their heads, which were covered in masks. As they danced, metal balls around their shoes added to the sounds of an accompanying drummer.

Neatby, Aztec Indians from San Francisco danced with headfeathers that reached as high as 6 feet above their heads.

Crowds gathered in crisp weather under a brilliant sun to witness the spectacle in advance of an opening ceremony featuring speeches by Sens. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., and Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, Peruvian President Alejandro Toledo Manrique and others.

In the afternoon, the museum was to open to the public, and musicians, dancers and storytellers were to begin the First Americans Festival, which will last the rest of the week.

Deanette Ives, vice chairman of the Port Skikilam Gamble Tribe near Kingston, Wash., said she took her 14-year-old daughter out of school to attend the ceremony. "I thought it was important to share this historic moment," said Ives, wearing a black and red shawl embroidered with the tribe's logo, a killer whale.

On Monday, hundreds of people already were milling about the museum to get an early peek. "At last we're getting some kind of recognition as Indian people," said Lawrence Orcutt, from the Yurok tribe in northern California.

Dave Anderson, who heads the Bureau of Indian Affairs, said the



Wearing a headdress of phasant and macaw feathers, Jorge Medina of San Jose, Calif., and other Aztecs dance on the National Mall for the start of the Native Nations Procession to help dedicate the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington on Tuesday.

museum will allow Indians to open a new chapter in the United States.

"I look at this whole museum opening as an opportunity for healing, for optimism," he said.

Misusing the opening festivities, however, was the architect who designed the stunning tan building, layered in swooping levels of Minnesota limestone rounded to depict the curves of the Earth, sun and moon.

Douglas J. Cardinal, a Canadian, was hired as architect in 1993, but he wound up in a dispute with the architectural firm that he subcontracted for, GBQC of Philadelphia, claiming he was losing money.

The Smithsonian failed to settle the differences between the two parties and fired both in 1998. Another architectural team finished the work.

Two months ago, museum Director Richard West wrote Cardinal a three-page letter, asking him to attend Tuesday's opening ceremonies and offering to pay for Cardinal's travel and accommodations.

"There I would like to recognize and thank you publicly for the gift of your work and artistic inspiration to the National Museum of the American Indian in the form of its signature building and the monumental core of America's capital," West wrote.

He called Cardinal's design a "principal physical and, indeed, spiritual marker for the native peoples of this hemisphere long beyond the lives of either of us."

But Cardinal, a Blackfeet Indian, turned down the offer after consulting with family members and tribal elders.

"It was not a gift but professional work for which I should be reimbursed," wrote Cardinal, who claims he is owed \$1 million for the work he did on the museum.

Responded Smithsonian spokesman Thomas Sweeney. "The Smithsonian Institution paid Mr. Cardinal up to the time of the termination."

Built at a cost of \$214 million, the sweeping lines represent a communion with nature as the country's tribal peoples did. It houses 8,000 objects from across the Western Hemisphere. Four million visitors a year are expected for the museum's movies and music, paintings, photographs and sculptures; masks, weapons and animals; jewelry and medals; even food and plants.

Study: Happy hour air worse than rush hour's

BY LINDA A. JOHNSON

The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Which is more harmful to your health — a smoky bar or a city street filled with diesel truck fumes? Well, you might want to skip your next happy hour.

Smoky bars and casinos have up to 50 times more cancer-causing particles in the air than highways and city streets clogged with diesel trucks at rush hour, according to a study that also showed pollution virtually disappears once smoking is banned.

Conducted by the researcher who first showed secondhand smoke causes thousands of U.S. lung cancer deaths each year,

the study found casino and bar workers are exposed to particulate pollution at far greater levels than the government allows outdoors.

"This paper will help localities pass smoking bans," predicted the author, James Repace, a physiologist who works as a secondhand-smoke consultant after spending 30 years as a federal researcher. "It shows how beneficial smoking bans are for hospitality workers and patrons."

Repace tested air in a casino, a pool hall and six taverns in Delaware in November 2002 and in January 2003, two months after the state imposed a strict indoor smoking ban.

His detectors measured two substances blamed for tobacco-related cancers: a

group of chemicals called particulate polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, or PAHs, and respirable particles — airborne soot small enough to penetrate the lungs.

"They are the most dangerous" substances in secondhand smoke, said Repace, a visiting assistant clinical professor at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston.

Repace said his research also showed that ventilation systems — sometimes touted by tavern, restaurant and casino groups as an alternative to smoking bans — cannot exchange air fast enough to keep up with the smoke.

The study "demonstrates really clearly that a smoking ban results in a massive improvement in air quality," said Dr. Jonathan Foulds, director of the tobacco de-

pendence program at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's School of Public Health. "Here in New Jersey, and in many other states that don't have an indoor smoking ban, this should be used to put pressure on the legislators."

Timothy Buckley, associate professor of environmental health science at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, said other research has shown dramatic air quality improvement after smoking was banned in workplaces, but this appears to be the first study in bars or casinos.

As of July 1, more than 100 U.S. municipalities had some smoking restrictions, with 312 banning smoking even in bars and restaurants, according to the nonprofit American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation.

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Russian general lends his name

A new product introduced in London brings together two of Russia's most famous exports: vodka and the AK-47 assault rifle.

What ties them together? Both are named after Gen. Mikhail Kalashnikov.

Kalashnikov, 84, who invented the AK-47, was in London on Monday for the official release of Kalashnikov vodka, which is distilled in St. Petersburg, Russia, and imported to England.

"The vodka retails for about \$24 for a 22.5-fluid ounce bottle. It is available at several clubs throughout London with a U.S. release planned for next year. 'We're marketing this as a premium brand,'" said Kalashnikov vodka spokeswoman Sophy Geering.

It is the brainchild of entrepreneur John Florey, a graduate of London University, Cambridge University and London's Imperial College.

Florey found the Russian general in the town of Zhevsk in Siberia, where he works as a mechanical engineer at the Izhmash Mechanical Engineering Plant. Kalashnikov agreed to lend his name to the brand and was named honorary chairman of the new vodka company.

Putin honors American pianist

President Vladimir Putin awarded acclaimed U.S. pianist Van Cliburn with an Order of Friendship, and thanked him for dedicating a charity concert to the victims of recent terrorist attacks in Russia.

Cliburn was to play a concert Tuesday in the Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory in memory of the more than 330 children and adults killed in the siege of the school in Beslan earlier this month.

"This is a token of recognition of your personal contribution to the Russian-American cultural relations and of your merits in strengthening mutual trust and understanding between our two peoples," Putin told Cliburn on Monday.

Cliburn, 70, accepted the award, saying it showed Russia "has truly recognized and received my deep love and lifetime devotion."

In 1958, at 23, Cliburn won the first Tchaikovsky International Piano Competition held in Moscow, and has since performed around the world.

"Dear President... I am very grateful to you, I love you and Madame [Putin], I love the Russian language, I love Russia!" Cliburn told Putin in Russian.

Fans anticipate ketchup ads

What do Ma Hamm, Terry Bradshaw, William Shatner and Lindsay Lohan have in common? The answer: ketchup.

They have signed on with Heinz to "Say Something Ketchupy" on limited-edition bottles of the condiment. The bottles will feature labels with quotes from each celebrity. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the bottles will benefit charities chosen by each celebrity, the company said recently.

Lohan's take is simple. "Burger-licious," the 18-year-old actress says on the label. Hamm, just back from the Olympic games, says the ketchup is "Worthy as Gold." And former "Star Trek" star Shatner says Heinz "Fixes Burgers at Warp Speed."

Bradshaw, former quarterback for the Pittsburgh Steelers, has a label saying "Served at the Immaculate Reception," a reference to his 1972 pass to Franco Harris.

Berliners line up for art show

An exhibition of masterpieces from New York's Museum of Modern Art closed in Berlin the same way it began seven months ago — packed with enthusiastic visitors and plagued by long lines.

Despite gray skies in the German capital, the line Sunday for the only European stop of the exhibition of 200 paintings — including classics by Vincent van Gogh and Andy Warhol — quickly entered the hundreds, with waiting times topping five hours by noontime.

The show opened in February and has attracted some 1.1 million visitors — some 400,000 more than expected. The exhibition has been a boon to Berlin tourism, with about 70 percent of the visitors from out of town.

Since it started, long lines have snaked around the Mies van der Rohe-designed Neue Nationalgalerie, with waits sometimes reaching as much as eight hours.

Organizers accommodated the crowds by extending the hours of the exhibition at the start of September, but there was no chance of keeping the show in Berlin any longer — MoMA needs the works back in time for its Nov. 20 reopening.

From The Associated Press

Life before Jedi

Lucas' little-known directorial debut 'THX 1138' hits movie screens — for the third time

BY DAVID GERMAN
The Associated Press

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — In his most soothing voice, George Lucas says these important messages to share: Work hard. Prevent accidents. Increase production. Buy more. And most important, be happy.

Those mantras come from 1971's "THX 1138," Lucas' comparatively unknown first film, which he is reintroducing to audiences with a limited stateside theatrical release Friday followed by its DVD debut Tuesday.

In a way, Lucas views this as the true premiere of "THX 1138," a dark sci-fi satire starring Robert Duvall as the title character, struggling to escape a dehumanized society whose inhabitants are mere numbers to a government that preaches boundless consumerism and keeps the population happy through mandatory sedatives.

"It's almost like it's a new movie, because a lot of people don't know about it," Lucas said over lunch at his 2,600-acre Skywalker Ranch. "And I think this time in terms of the way the message is going, it's much more the kind of release that it should have had in the first place, which is mostly for college students. It's kind of an arty film."

In 1971, distributor Warner Bros. did not have a clue about how to handle Lucas' avant-garde flick, so the studio backed a few minutes out of it, then dumped the movie into theaters, where few saw it. Warner gave it a rerelease in the late 1970s to take advantage of Lucas' "Star Wars" fame, but "THX 1138" still failed to find an audience.

Most who have seen it caught it on television or videotape in a bad full-screen format that spoils the effect of Lucas' carefully crafted wide-screen images. The new version is a director's cut restoring the footage Warner took out and giving the film a thorough digital restoration.

The two-disc DVD set has terrific background material about "THX 1138" and the era of young Hollywood lions from which it emerged.

The first film from Francis Ford Coppola's American Zoetrope studio, "THX 1138" sneaked into Hollywood during the transition between the old movie-mogul days and the rise of corporate-run studios.

"Easy Rider" had proven there was a viable youth market, but studios had no idea how to exploit it. Without any real understanding of the projects, studios simply began tossing money at promising new filmmakers.

"THX" was as strange then as it is today, and I think if I took this same movie in to anybody today, they would look at me and roll their eyes," Lucas said. "When I did 'American Graffiti' a few years later, they thought that was a far-out movie and that it was too avant-garde to be shown on the screen, so you can imagine what they thought about this one."

Through Coppola's bullheaded persuasiveness, Warner agreed to back Zoetrope, and Lucas was left alone to make the

film he wanted to make. The early communal optimism at Zoetrope, nicely captured in a documentary in the DVD package, was dashed when Warner executives screened "THX 1138" and came out totally befuddled.

"After 'THX 1138,' Lucas knew that if he wanted financial backing, he would have to do something more populist. Coppola challenged him to try a comedy."

"I dare you to do something that's warm and fuzzy," Lucas said Coppola told him. "Why don't you just do a regular funny movie? I bet you can't do it." I said, "Well, uh, I think I can do it."

Lucas had an idea for a nostalgic car flick about cruising, which grew into "American Graffiti." The success of that movie gave Lucas the clout to launch one of the most enduring movie franchises ever.

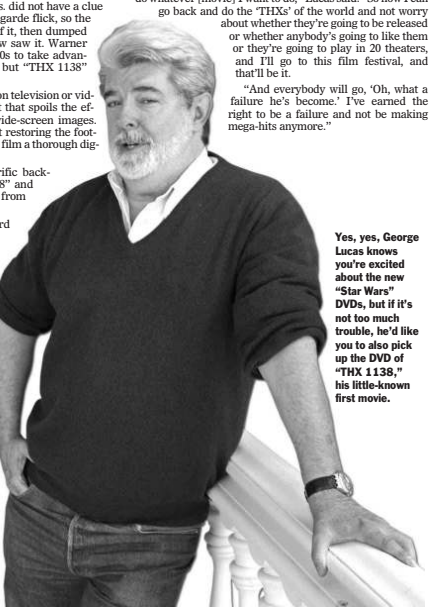
That series concludes next summer with "Star Wars: Episode III — Revenge of the Sith," the last of his six films chronicling the saga of the Skywalker clan.

Once he lays "Star Wars" to rest, Lucas wants to return to the point he was at right after "THX 1138" and make any stories he likes, without regard to their commercial prospects.

"Basically, what I've done is I've set up a situation where I have a film that I've developed myself that is just for me to do whatever (movie) I want to do," Lucas said. "So now I can go back and do the THX's of the world and not worry about whether they're going to be released or whether anybody's going to like them or they're going to play in 20 theaters, and I'll go to this film festival, and that'll be it."

"And everybody will go, 'Oh, what a failure he's become.' I've earned the right to be a failure and not be making mega-hits anymore."

Yes, yes, George Lucas knows you're excited about the new "Star Wars" DVDs, but if it's not too much trouble, he'd like you to also pick up the DVD of "THX 1138," his little-known first movie.





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Church funding low

VT BURLINGTON — The Vermont Catholic Church says concerns that some churches may close in the coming months is slowing efforts to raise \$2.35 million dollars for this year.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington kicks off its annual fund-raising campaign each June with hopes of finishing by the end of the summer. But this year's drive is about \$100,000 short, requiring church leaders to extend their efforts into the fall.

The diocese has asked its 149,000 Vermont members to support the annual Bishops' Fund, which pays for church programs, 17 parochial schools, four elder-care homes and Vermont Catholic Charities.

Glasses shot down

NM ALBUQUERQUE — Officials at Rio Grande High School aren't getting a buzz from the school's homecoming memento.

Nearly 100 shot glasses etched with "Dreams Will Come True 2004" were handed out in advance of the celebration last week — until the principal got word of it. School activities director James Chavez took the blame — saying the cheapest glass was a \$1.32 shot glass. He said he thought they could be used to hold candies or toothpicks, not alcohol.

Corny proposal

OH NAPOLÉON — Corey Cook hoped his girlfriend would accept a marriage proposal — no matter how corny it might appear.

So he paid a northwest Ohio farmer to carve the words, "Michelle, will you marry me?" into his family's cornfield.

A heart surrounded the message, which covered about seven acres — large enough for Michelle See to spot from a small plane, as the couple flew from Columbus to a cabin in northeast Indiana.

"She just started giggling like a little girl on Christmas morning," said Cook, who gave her a ring as they passed over the massive message. She said "yes."

Disturbing behavior

MA BOSTON — Boston police, responding to a call about a disturbance at an apartment, shot and wounded a man after he sliced an officer in the leg with a machete.

Four officers were dispatched to an apartment on Princeton Street in the East Boston neighborhood at 9:10 p.m. Sunday where two brothers reportedly were fighting, according to officer Michael McCarthy. One of the brothers came out the door of the second-floor apartment brandishing a machete, which police said he swung at them, cutting one of the officers in the knee.

Police said two of the officers fired their guns at the man, and one of them hit him in the left side. He was treated for a non-life threatening gunshot wound at Massachusetts General Hospital, and faces charges in the case.

The wounded officer also received treatment at the hospital, and was expected to recover. Two



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other officers also were taken to Mass. General to check for stress-related conditions, police said, and were released.

Bare cleanup

CA SANTA CRUZ — The weekend cleanup of a popular stretch of beach netted the usual garbage: clothing, beer bottles and rusty nails.

What made the effort at Bonny Doon Beach different from cleanups elsewhere on the California coast were the volunteers. Many were nude.

Members of the Bay Area Naturalists club were among those who collected 600 pounds of garbage at one of Northern California's most popular clothing-optional beaches, seven miles north of Santa Cruz.

The effort Saturday was part of the 20th annual California Coastal Cleanup Day, during which volunteers removed 750,000 pounds of trash from 700 locations on the state's shorelines.

Speed auction

NM ALBUQUERQUE — And the race is on! Prospective buyers have less than a month to place a bid on eBay for the Sandia Motor Speedway.

The track was listed on the Internet auction site Friday morning and had received a high bid of \$3,999.19 early Monday. The race track was appraised at \$4.24 million.



Whale of a trip

A cloud of mist and vapor hang in the air as an armada of killer whales surface to breathe while they swim close to shore near Lime Kiln State Park on San Juan Island, Wash.

lion in 2002, said manager Dawn Freeze, one of 52 investor-owners authorizing the sale.

Though no price was listed for the track, the group has the right to pull the speedway off eBay if bids are not high enough, said Anne Apicella, a commercial real estate agent with Grubb & Ellis New Mexico.

The 85-acre race track was developed in the 1990s by a group of investors who also were race enthusiasts.

Drunk (in) driving court

PA READING — A motorist's bail was revoked when police said he has the daring to show up drunk to his preliminary hearing on drunken driving charges.

Emerson Moore Jr., 46, of Caernarvon Township, was awaiting his hearing before Muhlenberg Township District Justice Dean R. Patton when Moore got into an argument with state police Trooper Roberto Soto, officials said.

Soto, who had arrested Moore in the drunken-driving case June 20, smelled alcohol on Moore's breath as the two stood in the hallway outside Patton's courtroom, officials said.

Moore, who had driven himself to court, had a blood-alcohol level of 0.10 percent, police said. The legal limit for driving in Pennsylvania is 0.08 percent.

Meal tax paying off

RI PROVIDENCE — A 1-percent tax on meals and drinks generated \$13.5 million for local governments in the last fiscal year. That's \$3.5 million more than was expected, officials said.

Businesses began collecting the state tax, which goes to the towns and cities where the money is collected, in August 2003.

Restaurants and hotels have generally opposed the tax, fearing it would keep customers away.

River watch

AZ PHOENIX — Interior Secretary Gale Norton signed an agreement with representatives of Arizona, Nevada and California to protect wildlife habitat on the Colorado River and aid native species.

The Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program will create 8,100 acres of riparian, marsh and backwater habitat for about 27 species, six of which are endangered.

The program is designed to protect habitat between Lake Mead and the U.S.-Mexico border while ensuring enough water is available and power operations using Colorado River water can continue. The river supplies water and power to 20 million people in Arizona, Nevada and California.

Plymouth police payment

NH PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University has paid the town of Plymouth more than \$2,500. The town asked for the money to offset the cost of police who helped control a student celebration after the Super Bowl.

Town Administrator Elizabeth Corrow said she found a check from the school in her inbox this week. The payment ends months of contentious talks between the university and town over the university's fair share of the costs.



Chalk it up to kitty

Volunteer chalk artist Samantha Morden didn't let her cat, Vincent, get in the way as she helped create a giant chalk drawing in Mission, Kan.



Nature's inspiration

Kimberly Pinkston performs a dance atop a cluster of boulders during the Trails and Vistas art walk along the Donner Rim Trail in Truckee, Calif.



My turn!

Alex Bajwa, 2, takes a drink from a drinking fountain at Veteran's Memorial Park in Wapakoneta, Ohio, with some help from cousin Alyssa Adkins, 5.



Dusk on the prairie

The evening sun shines through a prairie plant near Douglas, N.D., giving it a ghostly look.



No strings attached

Scouter, a four-month old teacup shiatzu owned by George and Dee Garcia, got a closeup look at the toy animals in the Animal Puppet Theater in El Paso, Texas.



Bear wash

With water flying, Carol Grant washes the bear statue "Goldilocks and the 38 Kind-er-Bears" outside Memorial Hall in Racine, Wis.

Drug arrests at shop

H KAILUA-KONA — Charges have been filed on the Big Island against eight people arrested at the end of a two-month drug investigation.

Seven other people also arrested Thursday at a wedding shop in the old industrial area of Kailua-Kona were released without charges, pending further investigation.

The probe centered on the shop on Kaiwi Street, where crystal methamphetamine was allegedly being distributed, police said.

Crystal meth, dried marijuana, drug paraphernalia, several firearms and ammunition were seized by police, said Detective Derrick Diego of the West Hawaii Ice Task Force.

Stephen K. Murata, 40, of Holualoa, North Kona, was being held on \$12,500 bail after being charged with three counts of promoting dangerous drugs, three counts of illegal possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of promoting detrimental drugs, police said.

Dealing dentist

PA EASTON — A dentist was convicted Thursday of buying and selling Ecstasy as part of a major East Coast drug ring.

A Northampton County jury convicted Michael Pacifico, 51, of Bushkill Township, of criminal conspiracy, delivery of a controlled substance and being part of a corrupt organization.

Duane Policelli, an Upper Mount Bethel Township businessman who testified against Pacifico, has already pleaded guilty to running the drug operation, which sold the club drug from Pennsylvania to Florida and was called one of the nation's largest Ecstasy rings.

Boats kill whales' echo

WA TACOMA — Killer whales get the superstar treatment every summer off the Washington coast, where tourists fill up whale-watch boats to catch a glimpse of the majestic animals. Now, researchers are studying whether all the attention could be a bad thing.

University of Washington researcher David Bain, who has studied orcas for 20 years, and other scientists suspect boat noise might interfere with the orcas' echolocation — the way they bounce sounds off objects to monitor their surroundings and find prey.

Bain is part of an international group of government-backed scientists working to learn why the local orca population has dropped to 83 from 98 in 1995.

Canadian scientists have already concluded that the northern resident orcas in British Columbia burn more energy when boats are present, so they must eat more to sustain themselves. If the same holds true for southern residents in Puget Sound, that would affect their survival, Bain said.

Picking up Isabel's tab

NC EDENTON, N.C. — Hurricane Isabel is still causing headaches one year later for residents of this town. Officials are trying to get the Federal Emergency Management Agency to cover about \$400,000 in combined hurricane-related expenses. That includes money for labor costs, use of rescue squad equipment and de-

bris removal.

Isabel caused \$195 million in damages to insured property in Chowan County last September.

Making couples talk

MI LANSING — A law requiring would-be marriage partners to get counseling or wait an extra 25 days to wed is advancing through the Legislature. Counselor couples could wed after three days, while those declining counseling would have to wait 28 days.

Paving the way

AK JUNEAU — The final draft of the state's transportation plan for Southeast Alaska calls for more roadways and shorter ferry rides at a cost of \$1.8 billion over 20 years.

The plan includes a road to connect Juneau to Skagway by 2010 and a highway from Sitka across Baranof Island. However, about 90 percent of those who commented on the plan favored improvements to the Alaska Marine Highway System over road building.

Kids sour on new milk

SC ROCK HILL — Local students aren't too impressed with a new milk that lasts longer and provides more protein than the real thing. They've written letters to the Rock Hill school district and local paper complaining about the taste of the milk, suggesting it's powdery. The milk is 1 percent fat cow's milk boiled to kill bacteria and stored in a sterile sealed box. It has a shelf life of seven months.

Painting pops up

IL DOWNERS GROVE — Volunteers at the Gingham Tree Resale Shop said they were surprised to learn that a yellowed painting left there some time ago may be worth as much \$100,000. Shop supervisor Nancy Shack noticed that the back of the painting bore the signature of Maxfield Parrish, one of the most popular American artists of the early 20th century. The painting was later authenticated as a 1918 original.

Pitching tax breaks

IL SANTA FE — Gov. Bill Richardson will pitch new tax breaks to legislators in January for seniors, low- and middle-income households and single parents. His administration says the state can offer the \$40.5 million tax cut package and still balance its \$4.4 billion budget, the Albuquerque Journal reported. Richardson's initiative comes despite recent estimates that \$101 million more might be needed for Medicaid next year.

Fire out of control

WY RIVERTON — Firefighters on Sunday were close to containing a fire apparently sparked by children that blew out of control and destroyed dozens of vehicles, several outbuildings and tons of hay at a livestock barn.

Nine people, including seven firefighters, suffered minor injuries, officials said. Residents of about 80 homes were allowed to return home Sunday morning after being evacuated.

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She was a soldier first

I recently read the Aug. 6 letter "Sending to women to war is wrong" from a person in Nebraska. I proudly serve in the 26th Ordnance Company from Nebraska and I'm also a woman.

The letter writer talked about the death of one of our soldiers. It upset me because Sgt. 1st Class Linda Ann Tarango-Griess was always a soldier first, and she set many high standards for the rest of the females in our unit. Tarango-Griess was in charge of me for almost five years and she always pulled her own weight right along with any male soldier. Only in America are we smart enough to realize that women can do the job of being a soldier.

Tarango-Griess will always be remembered as a soldier and for what she did for her country.

Sgt. Christina Aulner
Camp Speicher, Iraq

Article was shocking

I'm accustomed to seeing stories in Stars and Stripes that deal with disasteful subjects, but I was shocked to open the Sept. 10 edition and find an article glorifying a convicted felon ("Shining through"). In the article, Jamal Barrow compares his criminal activity and the consequences to the handicaps of Ray Charles and Stevie Wonder. The low point of the article is the author's observation about the lyrics on the CD "They roll with righteous fury at the justice system."

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We are here in Iraq at the behest of the Department of Defense, trying to bring law and order to a very lawless land, and an official publication of the Department of Defense is glorifying lawlessness. I am stunned by the irony.

The editorial staff of the Stars and Stripes owes an apology to all servicemembers, as well as to the victims of this crime's victims.

David Miller
Tallil, Iraq

CBS plans to shed light on old stories

BY ROY RIVENBURG

LOS ANGELES TIMES

On the heels of Dan Rather's disputed report about 1970s meetings that criticized President Bush's National Guard service, CBS plans to air several other investigations based on newly discovered documents.

Satire

■ The JFK assassination: Rather reveals startling evidence that Lee Harvey Oswald met with CIA agents two days before shooting President Kennedy in Dallas. "It's all here on Oswald's Palm Pilot," Rather says.

■ Biblical archeology: In news that could rock Christianity, CBS has carbon-dated a 1st century scroll in which the Apostle Paul admits to having doubts about the Resurrection. Theologians consulted by the network vouched for the genuineness of the scroll, which is titled "Paul's Letter to the Corinthians or Current Resident."

■ Gay rights: An early draft of the Bill of Rights contains a constitutional amendment allowing homosexual marriage, CBS has learned. Experts uncovered the secret amendment beneath a layer of Liquid Paper.

■ Watergate: Using new technologies, CBS has been able to restore the 18-minute gap on President Nixon's infamous Watergate tapes. In the most damaging excerpt, Nixon admits to authorizing the break-in at Democratic headquarters. ("We totally punk'd McGovern") but orders H.R. Haldean to take the fall.

"The tribe has spoken. You've been voted off the island."

■ Hitler's Last words: As Russian tanks rolled toward the Nazi dictator's Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler sent a final communique to his generals, according to CBS.

Several critics have questioned the authenticity of the document, saying the typography used wasn't available in 1945. Others find it odd that Hitler sent the communique on a fax machine.

"Everyone knows Hitler preferred sing-

Pensions at 50

I've served faithfully for 17 years in the U.S. Army; for nine of those years I was regular Army. I would like to address the issue of pensions for reservists.

Since 9/11, our lives have changed drastically. It is now election time, and we need to ensure that the future of every reservist is part of this presidential campaign.

If reservists are going to be a part of the anti-terrorist campaign, with an unknown time frame of deployment, we should be able to receive our pension at age 50.

The way things are going now we've lost a lot of soldiers and there is no doubt that we will be losing more because this campaign is over. What I suggest to all servicemembers is to appeal to the press to be our voice before we cast our absentee ballot. I say all servicemembers because those who are regular Army may decide to end their careers and become a reservist, like myself.

Why should we have to wait until we're 60 to receive a pension, especially when we've fulfilled our obligation at the age of 45? This only applies to the fortunate soldiers who don't get hit by mortars, bombs, hostile fire, snipers, suicide bombers and friendly fire.

With the press behind us, we should hear some response from our elected officials.

Staff Sgt. Mark Williams
Camp Doha, Kuwait



"CBS Evening News" anchor Dan Rather speaks on his Monday broadcast about the controversy surrounding documents used in a story questioning President Bush's National Guard Service.

ing telegrams."

■ Miscellaneous: In other upcoming exclusives, "60 Minutes" will air a voicemail message left by Maya Indians to explain their mysterious disappearance, unveil a prehistoric cave drawing of Neil Armstrong walking on the moon and broadcast a home video of young George Washington chopping down a cherry tree with his Black & Decker chain saw.

The Los Angeles Times staff writer Susanna Timmons contributed to this fully authenticated article.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

OPINION

Three debates about Iraq, before they meet

BY SEBASTIAN MALLABY

The Washington Post

There are three campaign debates we could be having about Iraq. The one that's best for President Bush is getting the most attention. The one that's worst for him is getting the least. This is why he's ahead of Sen. John Kerry.

The debate that gets the most attention is: What would Kerry have done 18 months ago had he been president? Kerry refuses, despite one opportunity after another, to come clean on this question. He tries to say that he voted to authorize the war because he believed Saddam Hussein had dangerous weapons and that he voted against the funding because Bush was handling the war badly. But when he is asked what he would have done had he been in the White House, he fudges the issue.

The candidate doesn't answer hypothetical questions, his aides explain, infuriatingly.

This first debate suggests Kerry is unable to decide what he believes in. It fuels the suspicion that he is not to be trusted in dangerous times, which is why Bush parades his contrasting clarity.

When I asked what I now do, I would have made the same decision," Bush reiterated Friday, in a speech that acknowledged he'd been wrong in believing Saddam and his minions of the destruction. But the truth is that this first Iraq debate is the least important of the

three. It is irrelevant to Iraq's future.

The second debate about Iraq is: Who enunciates the best strategy for the United States, now that we are in Iraq and the news is horrible? Bush wins this argument too, and here's the paradoxical reason: The worse the Iraq mess becomes, the more the nation must decide whether it's 100 percent committed to victory or 100 percent resolved to cut losses and get out of there. The middle ground is not defensible.

To see why this is so, consider the dilemma of Fallujah. This Sunni city has been taken over by fundamentalist America-haters, and it seems likely that much of the violence in Baghdad is being instigated by Fallujah-based terrorists. The plan to hold January elections is likely to fail unless the Fallujah terrorists are rooted out. At best, voting will be difficult in the Sunni part of the country. At worst, the terrorists will gun down voters as they line up outside polling stations across the country. Already they murder Iraqis who are brave enough to volunteer for the new security forces. You cannot expect nation-building to succeed when those joining the effort are liable to be assassinated.

Therefore America's president must choose. Either he must accept the fact that nation-building is failing, in which case it is immoral to send more Americans to die. Or he must resolve to make it work, which means going into Fallujah

with ground forces and risking yet more casualties.

Bush sounds as though he understands the all-or-nothing nature of the challenge. He proclaims that he will make democracy happen, and that terrorists won't stop him. Kerry, on the other hand, seems fuzziest. He would not abandon Iraq, but he promises to bring soldiers home. He would not give up, but he emphasizes that the situation sure is difficult.

The result is that Bush wins the second Iraq match-up. He sounds clear, Kerry sounds ambivalent.

But there is a third debate that could be had about Iraq, and it might benefit Kerry. It would discount what the candidates say and focus on their real policies. For both Bush and Kerry, the real policy is more cautious than the rhetoric. Bush proclaims his commitment to victory, but his real policy is frequently less than Kerry projects ambivalence, but his real policy probably would be to scale back American involvement sharply. When it comes to actions rather than rhetoric, in other words, it is possible that Bush is in the untenable middle while Kerry stands for a clear choice — whether or not it is the right one.

Consider, again, Bush's stance toward Fallujah. Bush ordered the Marines into the town in April but lost his nerve after three days, allowing the terrorists to entrench themselves. Now he attacks Fallujah from the air but refuses for the moment to put boots on the ground



— a reprisal of the Clinton administration's approach to al-Qaida's bases in Afghanistan. In short, Bush is not giving up on nation-building, but he is not going into Fallujah, either. He is stuck in the untenable middle.

If Kerry were a better candidate, he could make Bush pay for this.

Instead he pounds Bush for failing to acknowledge the strength of the insurgency — but does not say what ought to be done about it. He refuses to be explicit about what

may well be his real post-election instinct: to abandon the nation-building effort. Either he fears that the voters would punish him for giving up. Or he simply can't decide what his real view is.

All this may be about to change. Bush may resolve to attack Fallujah with ground troops, and Kerry's fluid cast of advisers may push him to a new position. Thus far, however, the first two Iraq debates have dominated the campaign. And so, despite all the terrible Iraq news, Bush is still winning.

Today, mud flies and political books fly off shelves

BY PETER OSNOS

Attack advertising in politics is hardly innovative. But in this year's election, attack books have added another significant new factor to the shrillness of presidential campaigning. Get used to it.

For weeks, "Unfit for Command" by John E. O'Neill and Jerome R. Corsi has been at the top of best-seller lists, with about half a million copies now in print. The book, an unrelenting assault on John Kerry's Vietnam War record, was published by Regnery, a conservative house based in Washington, and it trumped the memoirs of Bill Clinton and Gen. Tommy Franks from the top spots.

But "Unfit for Command" is only one of many such books, from left to right, that portray the president and his challenger in scathing terms as liars, hypocrites and if not corrupt at least corruptible.

Depending on where you draw the line, there are about a dozen of them on The New York Times' best-seller list. In recent months, authors of such partisan best-sellers have included Bill O'Reilly, Ann Coulter, Michael Moore, Al Franken and others.

A typical political book on a national best-seller list will sell about 100,000 copies. Some do much better than that; Moore's books have sold in the millions.

Though there have been periods before when political books were in vogue — the protest era of the 1960s, for example, or during the Watergate scandals of the 1970s — this spate is distinctive because the books are so personally insulting. Once a phenomenon like this takes hold in publishing, the process is irreversible.

Book publishers have traditionally been

portrayed as more genteel than, say, movie producers or newspaper proprietors. But, if that was ever true, it is certainly not the case now. Publishing today is dominated by conglomerates — all of which ... are determined to find big sellers at nearly any cost.

So when Moore and O'Reilly sell millions of copies, when Kitty Kelley (author of "The Family: The Real Story of the Bush Dynasty") gets a multimillion-dollar advance to equal a movie star's, and when "Unfit for Command" sears the political response is to up the ante further with even more explosive books, especially when they are protected from restraint or regulation — within the bounds of libel laws — by the First Amendment.

The main revenue for book publishers comes from sales. ... Publishers have no

choice but to go where the buyers are. And the buyers are clearly relishing the evocation of our political leaders.

Are these books any good? As in all media, there is a spectrum from brilliant to awful. But standards for books are different from, say, newspaper standards. The biggest sin for a book writer is plagiarism (when it is uncovered). Rarely does a book get discredited for mere exaggeration or distortion. Outright falsehoods are frowned upon, of course. But short of that, anything seems to go in books.

Historians will surely say that attack books in some form have always been around in politics. But their modern history can be tied to President Clinton, our first president with a tabloid profile while in office. ...

The (anti-Clinton) outpouring legitimized all-out vilification of the person in the Oval Office. Millions were made and spent on the examination of Clinton's depredations. President Bush came under similar scrutiny.

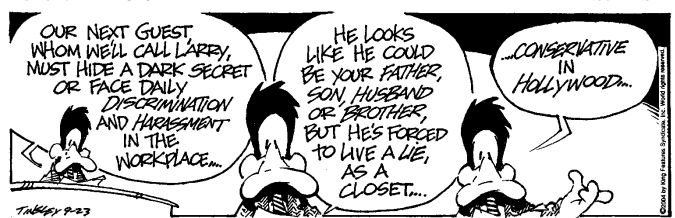
Attacks have now spread to the opposition candidate, although his personal life has so far been spared. (There is, however, the intriguing matter of Kerry's sealed divorce papers.) How much of an effect will these books have on voters? It's hard to say. But they are certainly an important part of the overall portrait of the candidates. ...

As Election Day approaches, voters must accept, for better or worse, the consequences for the country of all this abuse. That is, after all, the American way.

Peter Osnos is publisher and CEO of PublicAffairs, a New York-based book publisher. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Horoscope

The moon starts in Capricorn and ends in Aquarius, giving this day a two-toned feel. The early hours are focused on task. Important things get crossed off the list, and more important things are put in their place. The evening is for liberating the mind by taking a detour or indulging in an odd amusement. It's lucky to chat with friends.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(September 23). This year brings treasures, the sort of which is a sense of inner peace that allows you to make the most of the many opportunities that are presented to you. This month and next are about love and more love. You're healing old wounds and forging new relationships. A large purchase in December makes life easier.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Even when you're instructed to tone it down, you'll shine brighter. Anyone who can't deal with the attention you're receiving will just have to get over it, because this could continue for the next 48 hours! Enjoy it while it lasts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're bound to get to the bottom of things. What is the truth and what is a lie are the big questions that will be answered before the end of the day. Friction between friends is finally put to rest, too, which frees up your energy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're in a kind of time warp in regards to one area of your life. This will be pointed out to you, and you'll have the chance to learn more so you can rectify the situation if you choose — which, being a Gemini, you probably will.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're in the mood to be comfortable and low key, but being out in the general public requires that you make more of an effort. If not, you'll miss out on the best opportunities life has to offer. You could run into old friends tonight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If wishful thinking could make it so, you'd make it so today. Your friend is filled with wishful dreams, and it seems everything you read, watch on

television or see in your environment only makes these dreams more vivid.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

The world is populated with people with vastly varying strengths and talents, and you'll be taking advantage of that fact today. Hire someone to handle something you really know nothing about. A sweetheart surprises you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22).

Your power of suggestion holds real weight — it's almost like you can hypnotize people into doing your bidding. If you're in sales (and who isn't in one way or another?), you can practically demand that customers buy from you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

You can almost read the minds of your loved ones and friends. This ability should help you maneuver smoothly. This afternoon, the tendency might be to overindulge, and dealing with this tendency is no easy task.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Make some big plans. It takes something nearly impossible to get you up on your feet. Friends have so many wonderful opinions, none of which you'll care the least bit about today, since you'll be doing your own thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Put your experience to work for you. Mischievous or possibly even devious people are near and will probably be testing you in some way. Swift and firm action lets the world know that you're nobody's fool.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Some people need a reason to smile, but you smile first and then look for a reason. This quality will keep your surroundings stocked with amusing and pleasant opportunities. You'll truly feel that you're part of the world family.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Be generous. You get more back than you give — so much more that you're almost annoyed, thinking, "How will I ever repay this kindness?" You can cross that bridge when you come to it. Tonight, you breathe a sigh of relief.

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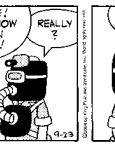
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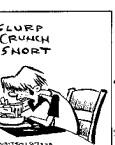
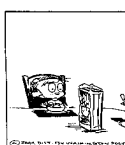
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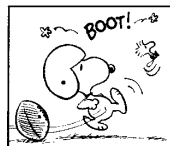
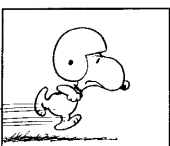
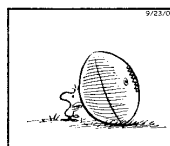
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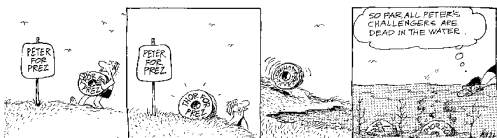
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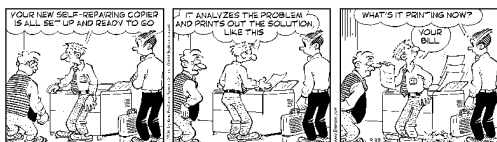
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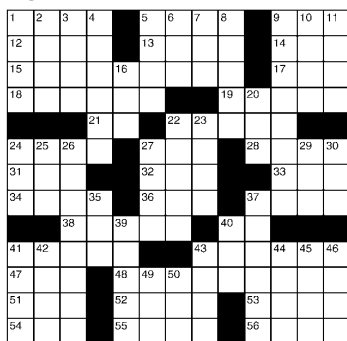
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- 12 Sites
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- 15 Simon du
- 17 Benicio — Toro
- 18 Prevent a touchdown, maybe
- 19 Go biking
- 21 Wilbur's horse
- 22 Clan emblem
- 24 Host
- 27 Lanka lead-in
- 28 Lane co-worker
- 31 Miss Piggy's word
- 32 Have a bag
- 33 Melody
- 34 Jab
- 35 Aviate
- 37 One way to stand by
- 38 Arts supporter?
- 40 E-mail address part
- 41 Page of song
- 43 "Seinfeld" role
- 47 Carnival setting
- 48 Pantheon members
- 51 Put into the mix
- 52 Sharpen
- 53 Freebie
- 54 Incensed
- 55 Compared to
- 56 In due time
- 2 Last several notes
- 3 "High Voltage" band
- 4 Disneyland fave
- 5 Professor Plum's game
- 6 Infield bounce
- 7 Every last crumb
- 8 Pulled a Van
- 9 Famed publishing house
- 10 Notion
- 11 Broker's advice
- 16 On in years
- 20 "A mouse!"
- 22 Wartlike
- 23 Unctuous
- 24 Equipment for 3-Down
- 25 Aussie leaper
- 26 Movie producer once wed to Liz Taylor
- 27 Secure
- 29 Zlich
- 30 Have a go at
- 35 Chow down
- 37 Mississippi River source
- 39 Vision
- 40 Pub brew
- 41 Stroller
- 42 John/Rice collaboration
- 43 Unimprovable place
- 44 "When the Frost — the Punkin"
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- 50 "CS" evidence

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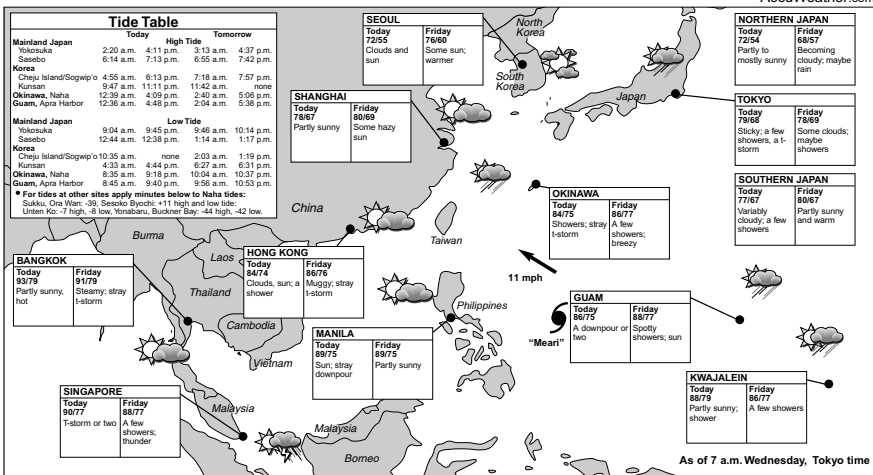
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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine,
high 79, low 67.
Sunday: Partly sunny,
high 76, low 66.

KADENA

Saturday: Showers, high 86, low 75.
Sunday: Thunderstorms, high 84, low 77.

SEOUL

Saturday: Partly sunny,
high 78, low 59.
Sunday: Periods of cloud
sunshine,
high 76, low 60.

MANILA

Saturday: Showers,
high 87, low 75.
Sunday: Periods of clouds and
sunshine,
high 89, low 75.

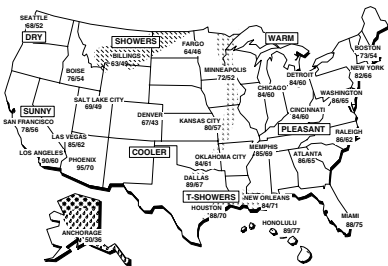
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Saturday: Showers, high 88, low 77.
Sunday: Showers, high 88, low 77.

Tuesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW
Albuquerque	78/53	Los Angeles	90/62
Amario	79/61	Little Rock	87/57
Anchorage	51/46	Louisville	89/77
Asheville	76/48	Miami	89/75
Baltimore	82/58	Milwaukee	81/55
Birmingham	84/56	Nashville	82/58
Bismarck	50/47	New York	89/77
Boise	62/42	Omaha	79/57
Boston	73/60	Orlando	84/57
Brownsville	72/52	Philadelphia	84/54
Buffalo	79/65	Phoenix	82/52
Burlington	94/75	Pittsburgh	86/62
Charleston, SC	86/62	Portland, OR	70/51
Charlotte	78/53	Portland, ME	70/51
Cleveland	81/66	San Lake City	87/55
Columbus, OH	82/56	St. Louis	87/55
Duluth	66/49	San Antonio	90/71
El Paso	75/52	San Diego	90/71
Hartford	75/52	San Jose	89/77
Helena	59/38	Tampa	88/77
Indianapolis	84/68	Tulsa	88/65
Jackson	81/63	Washington	89/65
Kansas City	86/60	Wichita	89/65

Thursday, September 23



U.S. Extended Forecast

Two large areas of high pressure will continue to dominate both sides of the country on Thursday. One high pressure will remain situated over the Southeast, providing a good deal of sunshine into the Northeast. Temperatures will be slightly higher than previous days as a southerly flow filters warmer air into the region. The other area of high pressure will be over the Rockies, causing abundant sunshine for most of the West. In between the two high pressures will be a slow-moving cold front that will bring showers and thunderstorms to Wisconsin and into northern Oklahoma. Gusty winds will precede the front in the Ohio River Valley.

Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY
Bangkok	93/79	Iwakuni
Beijing	82/62	Kadena AB
Camp Casey	73/53	Kunsan AB
Christchurch	53/37	Kwajalein
Diego Garcia	82/74	Manila
Hagatna	86/75	Misawa AB
Hanoi	88/75	Osan
Hong Kong	84/74	Perth
Honolulu	89/77	Pusan

Thursday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW
Acapulco	88/73	Budapest	62/44	Kabul	88/49	Nairobi	82/51
Athens	82/63	Buenos Aires	75/54	Kiev	49/36	New Delhi	85/67
Auckland	60/53	Cairo	95/67	Kuwait	105/74	Oslo	61/46
Bangkok	80/65	Cancun	69/41	Lima	88/55	Paris	88/67
Barbados	91/73	Cape Town	69/41	Madrid	86/64	Rio de Janeiro	79/60
Barcelona	74/65	Geneva	60/47	Mexico City	73/55	Rome	77/66
Berlin	57/41	Istanbul	70/59	Montreal	69/55	St. Petersburg	55/45
Bermuda	84/72	Jerusalem	90/66	Mogadishu	86/70	Stockholm	55/44
Buenos Aires	75/54	London	88/69	Moscow	88/69	Tokyo	53/40



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AFN-Sports, 2:30 a.m. — College football: UAB at Florida State (d).
AFN-Sports, 8 a.m. — Baseball: Baltimore at Boston
AFN-Atlantic, 8 a.m. — Baseball: Chicago at San Francisco
AFN-Sports, 11 a.m. — Baseball: Houston at Pittsburgh
AFN-Sports, 3 p.m. — NFL football: NFL Films Game of the Week (d).
AFN-Sports, 5 p.m. — Track and field: IAAF Track & Field Series, from Rome (d).

Friday

AFN-Sports, 1:30 a.m. — Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh
AFN-Sports, 6 a.m. — Boxing: Ballroom Boxing (d)
AFN-Atlantic, 6:30 a.m. — College football: Miami at Houston
AFN-Sports, 8:30 a.m. — Baseball: Philadelphia at Florida
AFN-Sports, 11 a.m. — Baseball: Oakland at Texas (d)
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m. — Baseball: Baltimore at Oakland (d)
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m. — NFL football: NFL Films Game of the Week (d)
AFN-Sports, 10 p.m. — Boxing: Ballroom Boxing (d).

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College football

AP Top 25 schedule

Thursday, Sept. 23
 No. 4 Miami at Houston
Friday, Sept. 24
 No. 21 Boise State vs. #17
Saturday, Sept. 25
 No. 1 Southern Cal. at Stanford
 No. 5 Texas vs. Rice
 No. 6 West Virginia vs. James Madison
 No. 8 Florida vs. Clemson
 No. 9 Auburn vs. The Citadel
 No. 11 Tennessee vs. Louisiana Tech
 No. 12 Virginia vs. Syracuse
 No. 13 LSU vs. Mississippi State
 No. 14 Wake Forest vs. Air Force
 No. 15 Purdue at Illinois
 No. 16 Florida vs. Kentucky
 No. 18 Michigan vs. Iowa
 No. 19 Florida vs. Northwestern
 No. 20 Wisconsin vs. Penn State
 No. 22 Oklahoma State vs. Oregon State
 No. 23 Maryland at Duke
 No. 24 Louisville at North Carolina

Tennis

China Open

Tuesday
 At the **Purple Tennis Center**
Belgium
Beste 500/600 (Tier II)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
 Li Na, China, def. Nicole Pietrangeli, Australia, 6-2, 6-2
 Sandra Mancic, Croatia, def. Sun Tian Tian, China, 6-4, 6-2
 Tamarine Tanasugarn, Thailand, def. Jelena Dokic (8), Serbia-Montenegro, 6-3, 6-2
 Anastasia Rodionova, Russia, def. Anca Barna, Germany, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3
 Emmanuelle Gagliardi, Switzerland, def. Kristina Brandi, Puerto Rico, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3

Pro soccer

Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Columbus	10	10	10	32	42	44
MetrosStars	9	11	8	31	39	39
Chicago	7	10	9	29	30	38
New England	9	7	8	29	38	29

Western Conference

	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Kansas City	8	11	35	27	39	39
Colorado	10	8	9	39	32	29
Los Angeles	10	8	9	32	32	37
D.C. United	9	10	7	30	32	37
San Jose	9	10	7	30	32	37

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

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Saturday's games
 D.C. United at Columbus
 MetroStars at New England
 Colorado at Kansas City
 Chicago at San Jose
 Los Angeles at San Diego

Pro basketball

WNBA playoffs

(BEST-OF-THREE)
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Connecticut vs. Washington
Friday, Sept. 25
 Connecticut at Washington
Monday, Sept. 27
 Washington at Connecticut, if necessary
Wednesday, Sept. 29
 Washington at Connecticut, if necessary
New York vs. Detroit
Friday, Sept. 24
 New York at Detroit
Sunday, Sept. 26
 Detroit at New York
Wednesday, Sept. 28
 Detroit at New York, if necessary
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Los Angeles vs. Sacramento
Friday, Sept. 24
 Los Angeles at Sacramento
Sunday, Sept. 26
 Sacramento at Los Angeles
Tuesday, Sept. 28
 Sacramento at Los Angeles, if necessary
Seattle vs. Minnesota
Saturday, Sept. 25
 Seattle at Minnesota
Monday, Sept. 27
 Minnesota at Seattle
Wednesday, Sept. 29
 Minnesota at Seattle, if necessary

High school

Japan

Cross country
Saturday's results
 At **Tama Hills Recreation Center**, Tokyo
2.5-mile girls' course, 2.1-mile girls' course
Boys team scores
 Christian Academy in Japan 25, Yokohama International 30
 St. Mary's International 21, American School in Japan 34
 St. Mary's International 15, St. Maur International 46
Boys top runners by school time
 St. Mary's — IMA Kosaki, 15 minutes, 48 seconds
 VYS — Morita Berthorster, 16:14
 ASU — Scott Metts, 16:18
 CAJ — Joni Yoshida, 16:26
 St. Maur — Yoshi Sumino, 18:29
Girls team scores
 International School of the Sacred Heart 24, Christian Academy in Japan 33
 American School in Japan 15, Selsen International 50
 St. Maur International 22, Selsen International 38
 International School of the Sacred Heart def. Yokohama International, incomplete team
 Christian Academy in Japan def. Yokohama International, incomplete team
Girls top runners by school time
 ASU — Brooke Louise, 15 minutes, 17 seconds
 CAJ — Megan Justiano, 15:04
 St. Maur — Shiori Shimizu, 15:24
 Selsen — Nana Aoki, 16:57
 VYS — Monica Ostergren, 17:59

Golf

PGA Tour statistics

Through Sept. 23
PGA Tour Average
 1. (tie), Phil Mickelson and Vijay Singh, 69.84
 2. (tie), Ernie Els and Scott Verplank, 69.86
 3. Retief Goosen, 69.89
 4. (tie), Tiger Woods, 69.90
 5. (tie), Adam Scott, 69.92
 6. Sergio Garcia, 69.93
 10. Adam Scott, 70.18
Driving Distance
 1. Hank Kuntz, 314.7
 2. Scott Hend, 314.3
 3. John Daly, 302.4
 4. Mike Henkel, 302.5
 5. Geoff Ogilvy, 304.6
 6. Tiger Woods, 303.5
 7. (tie), Greg Norman, 303.8
 8. (tie), Jim Furyk, 303.8
 9. (tie), Tiger Woods, 303.8
 10. (tie), Tiger Woods, 303.8

Driving Accuracy Percentage
 1. Fred Funk, 77.5%
 2. Craig Bowden, 75.3%
 3. Scott Verplank, 75.4%
 4. Joe Durant, 74.9%
 5. Tom Byrum, 74.3%
 6. Jose Coiro, 74.0%
 7. (tie) Phil Mickelson, 73.6%
 8. (tie) Jim Carter, 73.1%
 9. Bart Bryant, 72.9%
 10. John Cook, 72.8%

Greens in Regulation Pct.
 1. Vijay Singh, 73.6%
 2. (tie) Phil Mickelson, 73.4%
 3. Sergio Garcia, 72.7%
 4. John Senden, 72.6%
 5. (tie) Scott Verplank, 72.6%
 6. (tie) Tiger Woods, 72.6%
 7. (tie) Tiger Woods, 72.6%
 8. (tie) Tiger Woods, 72.6%
 9. (tie) Tiger Woods, 72.6%
 10. (tie) Tiger Woods, 72.6%

Total Driving
 1. Jeff Brehaut, 58.2
 2. Lucio Glover, 58.3
 3. Joe Durant, 59.4
 4. (tie) Jerry Hays, 59.5
 5. (tie) Bart Bryant, 59.5
 6. (tie) Tiger Woods, 59.5
 7. (tie) Tiger Woods, 59.5
 8. (tie) Tiger Woods, 59.5
 9. (tie) Tiger Woods, 59.5
 10. (tie) Tiger Woods, 59.5

Putting Average
 1. Stewart Cink, 17.15
 2. Tiger Woods, 17.22
 3. Greg Chalmers, 17.27
 4. John Daly, 17.36
 5. Darren Clarke, 17.37
 6. (tie) Phil Mickelson, 17.42
 7. (tie) Tiger Woods, 17.42
 8. (tie) Tiger Woods, 17.42
 9. (tie) Tiger Woods, 17.42
 10. (tie) Tiger Woods, 17.42

Birdie Average
 1. Tiger Woods, 4.24
 2. Adam Scott, 4.14
 3. Ernie Els, 4.04
 4. John Daly, 3.98
 5. (tie) Adam Scott, 3.98
 6. (tie) Tiger Woods, 3.98
 7. (tie) Tiger Woods, 3.98
 8. (tie) Tiger Woods, 3.98
 9. (tie) Tiger Woods, 3.98
 10. (tie) Tiger Woods, 3.98

Eagles (hole in 1)
 1. John Daly, 34.1
 2. Geoff Ogilvy, 33.3
 3. Nick Price, 33.0
 4. Vaughn Taylor, 33.0
 5. Vijay Singh, 32.8
 6. Mike Henkel, 32.8
 7. Harrison Frazar, 32.8
 8. Fred Couples, 32.8
 9. (tie) Steve Stricker, 32.8
 10. (tie) Steve Stricker, 32.8

Longest Drive
 1. Jim Carter, 292.5
 2. Scott Verplank, 292.5
 3. (tie) Tiger Woods, 292.5
 4. (tie) Tiger Woods, 292.5
 5. (tie) Tiger Woods, 292.5
 6. (tie) Tiger Woods, 292.5
 7. (tie) Tiger Woods, 292.5
 8. (tie) Tiger Woods, 292.5
 9. (tie) Tiger Woods, 292.5
 10. (tie) Tiger Woods, 292.5

All-Around Ranking
 1. Tiger Woods, 288.4
 2. Phil Mickelson, 288.4
 3. John Daly, 288.4
 4. (tie) Tiger Woods, 288.4
 5. (tie) Tiger Woods, 288.4
 6. (tie) Tiger Woods, 288.4
 7. (tie) Tiger Woods, 288.4
 8. (tie) Tiger Woods, 288.4
 9. (tie) Tiger Woods, 288.4
 10. (tie) Tiger Woods, 288.4

Deals
Monday's transactions
BASEBALL
MONTREAL EXPOS—Injured Tim Lincecum, who is coaching staff for the remainder of the season.
BASKETBALL
INDIANA PACERS—Signed G. Desmond Farmore.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Signed F. Josh Dwyer.
TORONTO RAPTORS—Signed F. Matt Bonner.
AMERICAN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
AB—Signed an expansion team to Brooklyn, N.Y., to begin play in the 2005-06 season.
LOS ANGELES STARS—Signed G. Ramez Lloyd.

FOOTBALL
ATLANTA FALCONS—Traded the rights to DT Ellis Johnson to Denver for an undrafted draft choice.
BUFFALO BILLS—Released WR David Kinney.
DETROIT LIONS—Released WR Reggie Swinton.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed T. Phil Booge to the active roster. Placed OT Steve Brunner on injured reserve.
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PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Assigned F. Colby Armstrong, F. Erik Christensen, F. Steve Crampton, F. Ben Eaves, F. Matt Huxley, F. Matt Murray, F. Michael Goulet, F. Cam Rutherford, F. Maxime Talbot, D. Dany Fauriol, A. Alexandre Rouleau, G. Brian Whalley, G. Andy Chiodo and G. Marc-Andre Fleury to waivers.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Named Craig Berube as head coach.

COLLEGE
GWYNEDD-MERCY—Named Bob Heck assistant men's basketball coach.
HULETT—Named Ryan Kingma men's volleyball coach.
MURRAY STATE—Reassigned E.W. Demmon from athletic director to director of corporate and foundation giving. Named Ron Interim athletic director.

NORTHUMBRIA—Named Jeff Curtis men's basketball coach.
ONTARIO—Named Jim Layton men's basketball coach.
SOUTHERN CAL—Named Jim Saylor men's basketball coach.

TEXAS A&M—Named Michael Harman marketing coordinator. Promoted Ross Cook to associate athletic director for business services.
UTAH STATE—Named Roger Payne women's rowing coach.

FOREST—Named Thomas Anderson men's assistant tennis coach.

Armed Forces men go 1-2 in nationals

Avery chosen first-team All-American

Stars and Stripes

SANFORD, Fla. — The All-Armed Forces men's softball team won one of its three games and finished fifth out of eight teams in the Amateur Softball Association's national majors tournament last week.

Dexter Avery, a seven-time All-Armed Forces outfielder based at Camp Carroll, South Korea, was selected as a first-team All-American. He hit four home runs in the Armed Forces' 23-10 victory over Westaboo/T&E Stucco.

Armed Forces lost its other two games, 16-12 to Bell Corps/Docs Easton and 22-12 to Aleutian Shasta Redstone/Benfield Easton.

Two soldiers, first baseman Rex Swartz and shortstop Lee Diaz, were chosen as second-team All-Americans.

U.S. Vinyl of Houston downed Kluwer's Snap-On/B.J. Logging of Metairie, La., 13-8 in eight innings to finish unbeaten and take the championship.

Local briefs

Korea soldier named to All-Army taekwondo team

FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, Pa. — A Korea-based soldier was named to the All-Army taekwondo team. All-Army tryout camp officials said Tuesday.

Lee Tae-woo, stationed with the 1st Battalion of the 15th Field Artillery at Camp Casey, South Korea, will join eight other soldiers who will compete in the tournament at the International Military Sports Council (CISM) championship Oct. 5-Oct. 9 at Warendorf, Germany.

The All-Army invitation serves as a qualifier for berths on the All-Armed Forces team, scheduled to compete in the International Military Sports Council (CISM) championship Oct. 5-Oct. 9 at Warendorf, Germany.



Since transferring to Kinnick from M.C. Perry, senior fullback/linebacker Adam Krievs has 23 tackles and 97 rushing yards on 19 carries.

Drill: Krievs, Kinnick face Yokota this week

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"I really showed how well liked Adam Krievs is, at his former school and here," said David Tran, Kinnick's assistant principal, who held the same post at Perry.

At 2:30 this season, the Red Devils' next take aim at five-time defending JFL champion Yokota. Krievs said he believes Kinnick hasn't been at taking down the Panthers.

"We have a really strong defense that's going to be tough to go against," he said, adding that

the Red Devils' speed and quickness might make up for their lack of size. "We're physically and mentally prepared to go against Yokota and take them on. I don't think size matters much over here."

And, he said, he believes he was right to move. "My total thing was, I wanted to play my senior year of football," he said. "Whether I contribute to a team, or sit on the bench, if I had the opportunity to be with a team and play football, that's what I was going to do."

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Party begins at last for Cardinals

Title celebration delayed until after victory over Brewers

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The St. Louis Cardinals broke out the champagne and sprayed their way around a raucous clubhouse, celebrating their NL Central championship.

Two days after they clinched it, Albert Pujols' go-ahead single keyed a three-run ninth inning, and the Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 7-4 Monday night for their major league-best 98th win.

Under baseball's tiebreaker rules, St. Louis ensured its third division title in five seasons on Saturday when the Cardinals beat Arizona 7-0, and San Francisco and the Chicago Cubs both lost.

But manager Tony La Russa refused to acknowledge that his team had already won the crown, both before and after Sunday's 3-2 loss to Arizona.

La Russa wanted to clinch it on the field. He stormed out of his postgame news conference after angrily responding to a ques-

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tion about delaying the traditional champagne celebration.

So the bubbly just sat, chilling for two extra days — until the Cardinals let loose Monday night.

"The only thing that made this thing better was to do it yesterday at Busch Stadium," a drenched La Russa said, standing in front of lockers shielded by floor-to-ceiling plastic. "That's why we were disappointed, because we cared. But this is a great moment."

The Cardinals came to Milwaukee ready to party. They packed up more than 20 cases of champagne and boxes of championship hats and T-shirts and had the team's clubhouse attendants drive it all up to Miller Park in two pickup trucks that arrived 45 minutes before Monday's game.

St. Louis capitalized on Luis Vizcaino's wildness to tie it 4 in the eighth, then

went ahead with three runs in the ninth for its 44th comeback win.

Julian Tavarez (7-4) got the final out in the eighth for the win. Jason Irahiguera pitched a perfect ninth for his 43rd save in 50 chances.

Cubs 5-2, Marlins 1-5: David Weathers made sure the Chicago Cubs' stay on top of the National League wild-card standings was brief.

The journeyman right-hander, making his first start in six years, limited Chicago to two hits and one run in five innings, and Florida earned a split of the doubleheader.

Mark Prior (6-4) allowed just five hits in 7 1/3 innings and outpitched Carl Pavano (17-7) as Chicago won the opener and climbed one percentage point ahead of San Francisco in the wild-card race. But the Cubs ended the day where they started: a half-game behind the Giants.

The Marlins remained 4 1/2 games behind San Francisco.

St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Steve Kline sprays champagne after the NL Central champions' victory over the Brewers on Monday in Milwaukee.

Schilling auction to benefit ALS

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling is auctioning off a motorcycle signed by Boston players to benefit research into Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and melanoma.

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The auction, which runs through Sept. 26, began Sept. 15, and is being conducted on the Web sites of the Red Sox and Major League Baseball.

Schilling has helped raise funds during the last 13 years for the ALS Association. ALS also is known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Schilling also has helped raise money for research and care of patients diagnosed with melanoma, a disease his wife Shonda has survived.

"ALS and melanoma are two cancers close to my heart," Schilling said. "I hope this Harley Davidson auction will generate funds that eventually eliminate these diseases."

Schilling was the first player to sign the motorcycle, a 2005 Harley Davidson Fat Boy. Proceeds of the auction go to the ALS Association and Translational Genomics Research Center in Arizona.

Bids can be made at www.redsox.com and www.mlb.com.

Red Sox shortstop Cabrera to miss two games

BOSTON — Red Sox shortstop Orlando Cabrera is expected to miss two games to be with his wife, who will have surgery in Colombia.

He wasn't in the starting lineup Monday night against the Baltimore Orioles but should return Wednesday for the third game of the four-game series. Boston gave no details about the surgery.

Cabrera is batting .286 with four homers and 22 RBIs for the Red Sox.

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Low-budget Twins extend penthouse stay

Team once slated for contraction wins AL Central for third straight year

By NANCY ARMOUR
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Brad Radke stood in a corner of the Minnesota Twins' clubhouse, spraying beer on anyone he could get. Torii Hunter could only grin as two teammates threw a cooler full of cold water on him. Manager Ron Gardenhire laughed when several players poured beer down his back.

And Jacques Jones walked around the room, smiling as he took it all in.

"This," Jones said, "is what it's all about."

The Twins clinched their third straight AL Central title Monday night with an 8-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox. Threatened with contraction, forced by economics to replace more than half of their team, written off as little more than a Triple-A team — none of it seems to matter. Minnesota just finds a way to keep on winning, making the playoffs for three straight seasons for the first time in its 44-year history.

"Three times!" Hunter screamed. "How about that?"

If ever there was a year for someone else to win the division, this was it. The Twins lost Eddie Guardado, LaTroy Hawkins, A.J. Pierzynski, Eric Milton, Dustin Mohr, Denny Hocking and Kenny Rogers in the offseason, and traded Doug Mientkiewicz in July.

Yet it was the Twins partying Monday while the White Sox, the preseason favorites, trudged glumly into their clubhouse.



Minnesota Twins' Torii Hunter, left, celebrates with Michael Cuddyer in the clubhouse after they won their third straight AL Central title with an 8-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Monday in Chicago.

"They are a better team," Paul Konerko said. "They have proven that the last three years. No question."

"They know how to celebrate, too."

The game was all but over after the first inning, when Hunter and Corey Koskie hit two-run homers off Mark Buehrle. The Twins hung over the railing in front of their dugout for the final inning, and Ron Gardenhire inserted

Jones, one of the few players left over from the team that was threatened with contraction, as a defensive replacement so the veteran could be on the field.

When Tim Lincecum popped out to shortstop Cristian Guzman for the final out, the Twins rushed onto the field for a group hug at second base. After bopping around for several minutes, the Twins walked toward the dugout to exchange handshakes, hugs

and high-fives with the coaching staff.

"That was beautiful," Gardenhire said, his shirt drenched with champagne. "One [title] doesn't mean more than the others. They're all great. It means everything in the world."

Especially when so many people had counted them out.

The White Sox led the division as recently as July 24, but the Twins had moved a half-game in

front by the time they arrived in Chicago two days later. They won their first game to extend their lead, and then delivered the knockout blow in the second game.

Late in the game, Hunter bawled over Chicago catcher Jamie Burke at the plate with a hard shoulder block. The hit not only left Burke sore, it bruised the White Sox's psyche so badly they never recovered. They lost seven straight, and 11 of 13. By Aug. 7, the Twins had a seven-game lead and the White Sox were in third place.

Minnesota is 41-22 since the All-Star break, and has won 11 of 13. The White Sox are 13½ games back and were officially eliminated Monday.

"Look at all the injuries we had and look at all the guys who came up and filled those roles. They did a great job," Koskie said. "That's what happens. Players are going to get hurt. Young guys did a great job doing their thing."

One of those was Carlos Silva (13-8), who scattered seven hits and two runs over seven innings to win his third straight start.

Mark Buehrle (14-10) got hit hard in losing his second straight start, both to the Twins. He gave up seven runs, four of them homers, and 10 hits in eight-plus innings. He's allowed a career-high 32 home runs this season.

Buehrle also walked three and struck out three.

"Hopefully we can look at [them clinching] and come back with a bigger heart and win next year," Buehrle said.

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Angels gain ground on A's in West

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Dallas McPherson saved the game and lineup card to go with the memories he'll have of his three hits and an RBI in his first major league start.

McPherson's offense helped the Anaheim Angels gain ground in the playoff race with a 5-2 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Monday night.

"It was a great experience. I couldn't ask for anything better," he said. "It gives me a lot of confidence knowing they have confidence in me."

The Angels closed within 2½ games of idle Oakland in the AL West and 4½ of Boston in the wild-card chase despite playing most of the night without star right fielder Vladimir Guerrero, who was hit in the head by a pitch in the first inning.

X-rays at a hospital were normal, and Guerrero returned to the dugout during the game.

"I don't think it was intentional. With two strikes, you're not going to do that," Guerrero said, referring to Ryan Franklin. "I feel good. I only feel sore where the ball hit me."

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Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki went 2-for-4 with a walk. His two singles gave him a major league-leading 238 hits this season, 19 short of George Sisler's major league record set in 1920. The Mariners have 12 games remaining.

Winning pitcher John Lackey (13-12) gave up two runs and 10 hits in six innings, striking out seven and walking none. Troy Percival pitched a scoreless ninth for his 29th save in 34 chances.

"When your best player gets hit in the head, you're going to have guys upset, but I don't believe there was intent," Percival said.

Angels second baseman Adam Kennedy left the game after spraining his right knee in the fifth on a fielding play. He will undergo an MRI on Tuesday.

"It tightened up on my pretty good," he said.

Orioles 9, Red Sox 6: B.J. Surhoff hit a grand slam as visiting Baltimore capitalized on the third straight poor start by a Red Sox pitcher.

Tim Wakefield (11-10) lost his control after three strong innings and fell to 0-3 in four starts. Boston failed to take advantage of the Yankees' loss to Toronto and remained 4½ games behind the AL East leaders. The Red Sox lost 14-4 on Saturday in New York and 11-1 on Sunday.

Blue Jays 6, Yankees 3: At New York, Gustavo Chacin became the first lefty starter to win his major league debut against the Yankees in the Joe Torre era.

Chacin (1-0) allowed a mere four hits before leaving in the eighth inning. Javier Vazquez (14-10) gave up four runs and nine hits in 6⅓ innings.

Royals 6, Devil Rays 3: Calvin Pickering hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the eighth at Tropicana Field.

Brian Anderson (5-11) allowed three runs in 7⅓ innings to win his third straight start as Jeremy Affeldt got his 12th save.

Aubrey Huff and Carl Crawford homered for Tampa Bay, which has lost 17 of 21.

Tigers 3, Indians 1: Mike Maroth (11-11) pitched shutout ball into the seventh, and Dmitri Young and Brandon Inge homered for the Tigers in Detroit.

HOME TEAM

A WEEKLY LOOK AT LOCAL SPORTS

30-minute drill

Krieves excels at Kinnick after transfer on eve of season

BY DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

Adam Krieves knew for months Matthew C. Perry High School might not field a football team this season.

Still, when Perry Principal Alice Berard announced a day after school opened to fold the team for safety reasons, it felt like a hammer blow.

"We were there trying to pull things together, have enough players out and try to have a successful season," said the senior linebacker/fullback.

But in the end, the players numbered 14 — not enough, said Berard and coach Kevin Crone, to compete safely.

Krieves said it left him "thinking I have to play football for somebody. It's my senior year. If I have the opportunity, if it's my last chance to play football, I'm going to take it."

Opportunity knocked. In the form of Krieves' uncle, retired Marine Tony Camacho, who works at Yokosuka Naval Base — home of Nile C. Kinnick High, which has a football program.

Arrangements were made quickly. Krieves commuted at Kinnick and now plays for the Red Devils.

In two games, he's racked up 23 tackles, 14 in his first game against Zama American, plus 97 yards and a touchdown on 19 carries. And his new teammates "welcomed me with open arms," Krieves said.

He knew several from playing in the past two Japan Football League All-Star Games. Still, he said, "I wasn't sure what to expect. But most of them ... introduced me around, welcomed me into the program."

Said offensive coordinator Jimmy Davis, who coached him in the All-Star games: "The kids definitely respect his play."

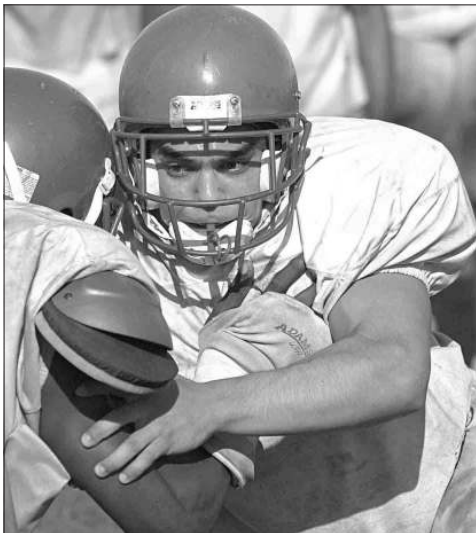
"We're very happy to have him," said coach Robert Stoval. "Not because he's a great player, which is always a plus, but he's a great kid."

Krieves will remain at Kinnick until football season ends in November, then transfer back to Perry, where he's to graduate in the spring.

Changing schools is more common for Department of Defense Dependents Schools students than for those stateside. DODDS-Pacific officials said, simply because of the military's transient nature.

In Krieves' case, "We couldn't meet his needs" athletically, Berard said.

"He loves football, more than anything else he's in the world. It would have been a shame if he couldn't have played."



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Nile C. Kinnick senior Adam Krieves takes on a defender during practice at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan. Krieves transferred to Kinnick from Matthew C. Perry at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, which folded its program at the start of the school year.

Still, Krieves said, leaving his family at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station was hard.

"I'd been with those guys for two years, we'd grown and gotten to know each other as teammates. It was hard leaving my loved ones, my family. There were a lot of things missing after I left."

But Krieves made his presence at Yokosuka felt literally from the opening kickoff against Zama, planting a hard tackle on Trojans kick returner Donovan Nance.

"I wanted to show not just the community

and the team but show the coaches I can come in and play for them," he said.

"That was evident from the first hit he made," Davis said. "I knew he was a good player. I knew what I was getting. But it's a little different when he's playing for you."

During Kinnick's 44-0 victory Friday over American School in Japan, Krieves even had some former classmates supporting him. After Perry's tennis team finished its match nearby, it went to the Berkeley Field stands.

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This week's schedule

Japan

Football

Friday, Sept. 24
Yokota at Nile C. Kinnick, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 25
Zama American at American School in Japan, 1 p.m.

Girls volleyball

Friday, Sept. 24
Robert D. Edgren at Nile C. Kinnick, 5 p.m.; Matthew C. Perry and E. King at Marxist Brothers International, Kobe, 5 p.m.; American School in Japan at American School of the Sacred Heart at Yokota, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 25

CAJ and Seisen Int'l Christian American, 10 a.m.; Seisen International at Yokota, 10 a.m.; ASU at Seisen International, 7 a.m.; Yokota at CAJ, 7 p.m.; Kinnick at Zama, 7 p.m.; St. Maur Int'l at Yokohama Int'l, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 24

E.J. King and Matthew C. Perry at Senri International, Osaka, 3 p.m.; Nile C. Kinnick at Robert D. Edgren, 2 p.m.; Zama American at Yokota, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 25

Kinnick at Edgren, 9 a.m.; E.J. King and M.C. Perry at Senri Int'l, Osaka, 5 a.m.; Yokota at Christian Academy in Japan, 9 a.m.; St. Mary's Int'l and Seisen Int'l at American School of the Sacred Heart at national School of the Sacred Heart at Zama, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

ASU at Zama, 10:30 p.m.
Cross country
Saturday, Sept. 25
American School in Japan, Yokohama Int'l and Christian Academy in Japan at Zama American, 9 a.m.; Nile C. Kinnick, St. Mary's Int'l, Seisen Int'l, American School of the Sacred Heart and Yokota at Yama Hills Recreation Center, Tokyo, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

CAJ vs. Yokota at Onizuka, Tokyo, 3:30 p.m.

Guam

Football

Saturday, Sept. 25
George Washington at John F. Kennedy, 10 a.m.; Simon Sanchez vs. John F. Kennedy High School, Upper Tumon, 3 p.m.; John F. Kennedy at George Washington Int'l Christian Academy at George Washington High School, Maao, 3 p.m.

Cross country

(all start times 5 a.m.)
Thursday, Sept. 23
Father, Duquesne Memorial Academy of Our Lady vs. George Washington at Tiyan, St. Paul Christian at Guam Sports Complex; Harvest Christian Academy at John F. Kennedy; Notre Dame at Simon Sanchez; Harvest Christian Academy at John F. Kennedy; Southern at Guam High.

Friday, Sept. 24

St. Paul Christian vs. Guam High at Yigo Fire Station; Harvest Christian Academy vs. Notre Dame at Tiyan; St. John's at Simon Sanchez; George Washington (maria) Academy of Our Lady at Southern.

Girls volleyball

(all start times 5:30 p.m.)
Friday, Sept. 24
Simon Sanchez at St. Paul Christian; Guam International Christian Academy at John F. Kennedy; Guam High at Notre Dame; George Washington at Southern; Harvest Christian Academy at Academy of Our Lady at Guam Sports Complex.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Guam International Christian Academy vs. St. Paul Christian at Guam Sports Complex; John F. Kennedy at St. John's; Harvest Christian Academy at Notre Dame; Guam International Christian Academy at Academy of Our Lady.

Game of the week

Football

Yokota (2-0) at Nile C. Kinnick (2-0) 7 p.m. Friday
Where: Berkeley Field, Yokosuka Naval Base

What: Battle of only two unbeaten teams in the Pacific. The Red Devils and Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools.

Players: John Roach and Kinnick's Leonard Lynce — serve as the all-purpose men for the respective teams. Roach has gained 492 yards and scored 10 touchdowns in his 14th straight season. Lynce, meanwhile, has amassed 352 all-purpose yards and six touchdowns, following his 2003 totals of 1,385 yards and 17 TDs.

Leonard Lynce

Football

Nile C. Kinnick, Japan

Last week: Rushed nine times for 155 yards and four touchdowns, had 53 yards on three returns and recovered a fumble to pace the Red Devils (2-0) to a 44-0 shutout of American School in Japan on Friday at Berkeley Field, Yokosuka Naval Base.

After amassing 1,385 all-purpose yards



and 17 TDs last season, he has 352 total yards and six TDs in his first two games.

"He has been solid" in the first two games, Kinnick coach Robert Stoval said, adding that Lynce is becoming a leader by action, showing his teammates what needs to be done.

"He just ran over people, hard running, and he pushed the others. When we pulled him out, he didn't want to stop playing. He just loves to play."

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Darlene Seeley

Girls volleyball

Yokota, Japan

Last week: Credited with 60 set assists, helping guide the Panthers (6-0) to victories in three road matches.

Yokota capped the weekend by defeating Robert D. Edgren 25-8, 25-6, 23-25, 25-13, 26-24 and 25-21, 25-14, 25-14, 21-25, 22-25 at Misawa Air Base. The Panthers began the week at Zama American,



winning 26-24, 25-9, 25-21.

Seeley, the team captain, has picked up 129 set assists in leading the Panthers to their best start since the 1976 season.

"She (Seeley) is a proven team leader and team click," Edgren coach Sarah Richardson said. "She hustles. And she's such a great setter. If you're not good as a hitter, if you don't get a decent set, you're not there. And she does that. She's always upbeat, energetic, bouncy and she hustles."

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

James getting his edge back

Colts RB again looking like dominant rusher of 1999, 2000 seasons

By MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

Edgerrin James scooted through a hole, darted outside, evaded two defenders and outran a handful more in his touchdown run at Tennessee.

It was James at full throttle — quick, powerful, elusive, nearly unstoppable.

Almost three years have passed since James tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, and the Colts believe he is, finally, beginning to look like the runner who won the rushing title in 1999 and 2000.

Now they're hoping a strained hamstring won't put a detour on his trip back to the top.

"He thinks he's fine," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "But the MRI shows some damage in there. If he had to go today, I would say he's doubtful."

James, as he often does, downplayed the injury after the Colts' 31-17 victory in Nashville and his healing powers may be as amazing as his running skills.

Less than four hours after Dungy said James could miss this week's game against Green Bay and possibly more time, James was running through some light drills Monday and optimistic he would play this week.

"With me things always heal fast," he said. "I might be good to go or play split duty or whatever. I can run and do everything."

If James cannot play this week, the Colts (1-1) will backup Dominic Rhodes, who replaced James after the knee injury in October 2001.

Rhodes rushed for 1,104 yards — an NFL record for an undrafted



Indianapolis Colts running back Edgerrin James won the league rushing title in 1999 and 2000 but suffered a torn ACL in 2001. Sunday's performance in the Colts' 31-17 victory over the Tennessee Titans (21 carries, 124 yards, 2 TDs) suggests that James is regaining his stride.

rookie — in the final 10 games that season and said he spent this week preparing as if he will start even if James makes it.

"I talked to Edge a little earlier and he said he's hurting a bit," Rhodes said. "If he can't play, I'm ready to go put on a show."

While the Colts are confident Rhodes can do an adequate cameo, they would certainly prefer to have their star runner in his usual role.

After James' impressive start, who wouldn't? He had consecutive 100-yard games for the first

time since the knee injury.

He's again breaking tackles and running on the edge.

He's catching passes in traffic and taking down blitzers.

The numbers reflect his resurgence: 266 yards rushing and two touchdowns for one of the league's most potent offenses. He finished this week as the NFL's No. 2 runner, 49 yards behind the New York Jets' Curtis Martin and James' average yards per carry have increased significantly. He averaged 3.6 in 2002, 4.1 last year and has shredded two of the AFC's top defensive units for a 5.2 average this year.

The statistics are only one measure of improvement.

James' game-sealing 30-yard TD run Sunday was his second longest since his surgery and rekindled memories of the player who was one of the most feared runners in the first two NFL seasons.

Last year, James even took the unusual step of trimming his hair after a Cleveland defender tackled him from behind, yanking him down by the trademark dreadlocks that were dangling over his shoulder pads.

This year, James hasn't needed to worry about getting caught from behind.

"He's showed the ability again to bounce outside and go," Dungy

said. "He's making people miss. He's definitely a little notch up from last year."

In 2003, James was good, not spectacular.

He rushed for 1,259 yards and 11 touchdowns, caught 51 passes for another 292 yards and appeared to get stronger as the season wore on. But to keep him healthy, Dungy gave him breaks, even in critical situations.

James doesn't need many breaks these days.

With the Colts needing to rally for a victory at Tennessee, Dungy put the ball in James' hands 11 times in the second half. He ran for 100 yards

and two TDs, and the only other player with a second-half carry

Sunday was quarterback Peyton Manning, who took a knee to run out the clock.

There's just one concern: fumbles. James put the ball on the ground

twice at New England, both inside the red zone, in a 27-24 loss.

But James' teammates knew this kind of season was coming.

"I've been watching him since he was here for a couple days during summer school," tight end Marcus Pollard said. "He's

showed me he's back. He doesn't tell me he's feeling any better, but I can see it in his face and his smile with all those gold teeth."

"He [James] doesn't tell me he's feeling any better, but I can see it in his face and his smile with all those gold teeth."

Marcus Pollard
Colts tight end

Green looks for ways to rev Cardinals' sputtering offense

By BOB BAUM
The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Dennis Green made his reputation with high-powered offenses. Two games into his tenure as coach at Arizona, the Cardinals are sputtering like an engine with bad spark plugs that's long on oil.

The winless Cardinals, who play at Atlanta on Sunday, have scored two touchdowns — and 22 points overall — in losses at St. Louis and New England.

"We are going to look at everything," Green said Monday. "There's not one area we won't take a look at."

The obvious areas of concern are the offensive line and quarterback.

Josh McCown was running for his life against the New England pass rush in Sunday's 23-12 loss. When New England blitzed, at least one of the pass rushers came through untouched.

"It's probably miscommunica-

tion for the most part," Green said, "and also application of the system."

He said McCown needs to know when to change the play at the line of scrimmage, based on what he sees the defense doing.

"I think we are not using our audible system as much as we should," Green said. "I personally like teams that blitz against you. It's just part of my makeup, part of the success we've had in San Francisco and Minnesota, when people give you single coverage, or try to blitz, that you hurt people."

He said to remember that this was just the second game of the season.

"That may not be just a young quarterback, but a new system to a system that has more answers than we are applying right now," Green said.

In addition to having a third-year quarterback who has made just five NFL starts, the Car-

dinals have rookie Alex Stepanovich at center. The team unexpectedly cut veteran Pete Kendall early in training camp. But the youngsters weren't the only ones having problems Sunday.

Tackle Anthony Clement said after the game the line was mixed up.

"We were supposed to be protecting one way and we were protecting it backwards," Clement said. "Things were just happening. As an offensive line, we screwed up."

Green downplayed the possibility the team might make a trade or other personnel moves.

"It's hard to make moves right now," he said. "Always discussions are taking place, but right now my mind-set is that we have to do it a lot better with what we have right now."

McCown was 13-for-29 for 117 yards with two interceptions Sunday.

He has yet to throw a touch-

down pass. Even when the defense made plays to give the offense opportunities, the team couldn't move the ball. Neil Rackers' field goals Sunday were from 51 and 52 yards.

But Green cautioned against overreacting to early struggles.

"There are things you can do but you also have to keep in mind you put a lot of work and effort into developing something," he said. "If we are going to find a solution, we will find it. Hopefully, the solution does not require doing things that I would say are along the lines of being desperate. That's not a smart thing."

Green was much less severe in his criticism of the offense Monday than he was immediately after the game, when he questioned the players' intensity and desire.

On Monday, he attributed the struggles to "growing pains and a tough schedule."

"Not many teams win in St. Louis, and at least 16 teams before us haven't beaten New England," Green said.



Arizona Cardinals QB Josh McCown (12) is helped up by teammate Larry Fitzgerald after being sacked by the New England Patriots on Sunday in Tempe, Ariz.

Dorsey to start for 49ers at Seattle

By GREG BEACHAM
The Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — If Ken Dorsey keeps playing well, he might not be the San Francisco 49ers' backup quarterback much longer.

Dorsey could keep the 49ers' starting job even when Tim Rattay returns from a separated shoulder, coach Dennis Erickson said Monday.

Dorsey made his first NFL start in Sunday's 30-27 loss at New Orleans. He was outstanding after a slow start, going 18 of 32 while leading San Francisco to 370 yards.

The 49ers aren't certain when Rattay, their longtime No. 2 quarterback who got the top job last summer, will return to practice. After getting hurt in the season opener against Atlanta, he was Dorsey's backup on Sunday — but even after getting significant injections of painkillers on the sideline, he didn't think he could throw.

So Dorsey will prepare for Sunday's game at Seattle as the 49ers' starter. If he has another strong game, he might also have a more permanent hold on the job.

"If Tim was healthy this weekend, he'd start," Erickson said. "But as time goes on, we sit and evaluate. ... I don't see how you can make that judgment right now."

Dorsey, a second-year pro who went 38-2 as a starter for the University of Miami, has impressed coaches and teammates while spending most of this summer as the 49ers' top quarterback. Rattay has been slowed by injuries to his groin, forearm and shoulder, leaving Dorsey to practice with the first-team offense.

Though San Francisco has lost all four preseason games and both regular-season contests so far, Dorsey has shown poise and maturity directing the offense.



Ken Dorsey, left, made his first NFL start Sunday in place of injured Tim Rattay and completed 18 of 32 passes for 205 yards with one interception in a 30-27 loss at New Orleans. Rattay has a separated shoulder and will not play Sunday at Seattle.

AP

He's widely considered the Niners' quarterback of the future.

Dorsey doesn't publicly covet the job, however. He is close friends with Rattay, who helped his fellow seventh-round draft pick learn the NFL ropes last season.

"I'm hoping Tim gets healthy as soon as he can, just because I love Tim and he has worked real hard to get to where he is," Dorsey said. "I just try to go out and do my job when I have to. I'm a team guy, completely."

Rattay's shoulder is sore and painful, and although he's making progress he won't throw in practice this week.

"My movement is better," Rattay said. "I'm able to do a lot more. We'll have to wait and see for the next couple of days."

The 49ers have much bigger

problems than their quarterback situation — but Erickson seemed moderately optimistic about his team despite being one of seven winless clubs after the season's first two weeks.

San Francisco outgained both of its two opponents and played outstanding defense in nearly every situation. The Niners have been outscored by five points in two losses that were decided in the final seconds.

"I think we showed everybody that we can compete and pretty much dominate two games, especially on the defensive side of the ball," All-Pro linebacker Julian Peterson said. "And only a highly questionable offensive pass interference call against receiver Brandon Lloyd prevented San Francisco from having an excellent chance to tie or beat the Saints. The call, re-played hundreds of times in the 49ers' offices Monday, nullified Terry Jackson's 37-yard reception to the New Orleans 1 with 12 seconds left."

Lloyd and Erickson both thought the incident was too close to call — particularly when the official in question was 25 yards from the play.

"It just looked like he was blocking our receiver," said left tackle Kwame Harris, who's doubtful for Sunday's game after spraining his left ankle. "Maybe there was a home-field advantage, or whatever you want to call it."

Lingering issues turn into titanic problems

Fixing short-yardage offense, pass rush, late meltdowns on Tennessee's to-do list

By TERESA M. WALKER
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — All the talk of payback for being swept by Indianapolis in 2003 has been shelved. The chance to take a big step up in the AFC South? Gone for now.

The Tennessee Titans must confront some issues while preparing for Sunday's game against the division's unlikely leader — the Jacksonville Jaguars.

The Titans suddenly can't even gain a yard or two when needed, and the defense is having trouble reaching the quarterback while giving up 21 points in the fourth quarter.

"It is very unusual and uncharacteristic of us," coach Jeff Fisher said Monday, a day after the Titans (1-1) did just that in a 31-17 loss to Indianapolis. "We had a good plan, and we didn't make any plays."

Coming into this season, the biggest question was if Chris Brown could replace Eddie George, the team's career leading rusher. The early answer is emphatically yes.

Brown has become only the third back in franchise history to rush for at least 100 yards in each of his first two NFL starts. His 252 yards rank third in the NFL, and he is averaging 6 yards per carry. But the speedy, shifty Brown got 152 yards on first or second down on Sunday. On two carries on third down and once on fourth and inches at Indy's 4-yard line, Brown got nothing.

Fisher said backup Antwan Smith didn't have to be used in short-yardage situations. He also said the Colts were ready for a quarterback sneak by Steve McNair.

"Chris was running the football pretty well. I can't remember when we've had a 150-yard back and not won the football game," Fisher said.

McNair, the AFC's best passer on fourth down in 2003, had an incomplete on a fourth-down attempt Sunday. The Titans finished three of eight on either third or fourth down when needing 2 yards or less, and two of those came in the first quarter.

That left last season's league co-MVP unhappy. "We expect to go out there and dominate every front line that there is in the National Football League, and that's our expectation, and those are the things that we thrive in," McNair said. "And when you don't get it, yes, it's very frustrating."

One of the NFL's best passing offenses also is struggling. McNair was the league's top-rated passer in 2003, then the Titans traded Justin McCareins to the New York Jets for a draft pick, expecting Tyrone Calico to fill that slot as a No. 3 receiver.

But Calico missed the first two games after spraining his knees in the third exhibition game, and defensive end Travis LaBoy, the rookie taken with the Jets' draft pick in April, has not played. Calico and receiver Jake Schifino are expected to practice this week.

McNair didn't get help from his normally dependable receivers. On Sunday, he and two play in the fourth quarter, Pro Bowler Derrick Mason had a touchdown catch that would've tied the Colts snatched away by cornerback Nick Harper.

"They would've been great catches, but we have made those catches before," Fisher said.

The defense didn't help either. The Titans allowed 259 yards and 28 points in the second half.

"We kept encouraging each other to make plays and to step up, and all day long we kept waiting and waiting, and it never happened," cornerback Samari Rolle said.

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 2002 — Pittsburgh, divisional playoffs
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 1998 — Detroit, wild-card playoffs
 1998 — New England, wild-card playoffs
 1998 — Pittsburgh, wild-card playoffs
 1997 — Dallas, won Super Bowl
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 1997 — Atlanta, divisional playoffs
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Eagles duo wins duel

McNabb, Owens outplay Vikings' Culpepper, Moss

BY ROB MAADDI
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb moonwalked, Terrell Owens slam-dunked and the Philadelphia Eagles' defense kept Daunte Culpepper and Randy Moss from strutting their best stuff.

McNabb threw a touchdown pass to Owens and ran for another score, leading the Eagles over the Minnesota Vikings 27-16 Monday night.

The Vikings hogged the ball for nearly 38 minutes, but were hurt by miscues and crucial penalties.

"Our defense did an excellent job keeping them out of the end zone," McNabb said. "When we had our opportunities, we took full advantage by putting points on the board."

Though the teams combined for 727 yards and only punted twice, this wasn't the offensive shootout many expected. McNabb outplayed Culpepper, who hurt his team badly with a fumble inside the Philadelphia 1.

"I thought the ball might have crossed the plane," Culpepper said. "I thought my body was in there."

The Eagles' 2-0 start at home is a switch from last season, when they lost the first two games at their new stadium.

"A lot of us learned from the mistakes of last year, and the experience of being in that position helped us a lot and how we got out of that hole," McNabb said.

The Vikings (1-1) have lost 17 of their past 18 outdoor regular-season games. They might have stayed unbeaten if Culpepper and Moss connected more when the game counted. Minnesota gained 410 yards, but got only one touchdown, Moss' 4-yarder late in the game.

"I kept coming to the sideline telling Coach, 'I see fear in their eyes. Let's keep attacking,'" Moss said. "I think I was more frustrated because we kept driving, driving, driving. We put yards on the scoreboard, but we didn't put up the points."

Moss finished with eight catches for 69 yards, while Owens had four receptions for 79 yards, including a 45-yard TD that put the game out of reach.

"They can say he's the best, but I'm the best for the Eagles," Owens said of Moss, who sparked a verbal war between the loquacious pair last week.



Vikings cornerback Antoine Winfield is on the turf as Eagles receiver Terrell Owens pulls in a 45-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter on Monday night. The score sealed Philadelphia's 27-16 victory.



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